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Celebrations for Austen with statue

On the 200th anniversary of her death, a lifesize statue of Jane Austen has been installed in Basingstoke town centre to honour north Hampshire's most famous daughter.

Crowds of people attended the unveiling ceremony in the Market Place, with some even dressing up in period costumes to mark the occasion.

The statue was designed by Basingstoke sculptor Adam Roud, and commissioned by the Hampshire Cultural Trust.

Austen was born in nearby Steventon in 1775 and died in 1817 in Winchester, aged just 41 years old.

See page 3 for full story.

£10.6m plan to ease traffic on A33 to start next month

By Matthew Brown

WORK is set to begin early next month on increasing capacity on the A33 in Basingstoke in a bid to ease congestion coming in and out of the town.

Hampshire County Council is spending £10.6million on improving the road between the Ringway and Great Binfields Lane roundabouts.

It is due to start on August 7 and will see approach roads and roundabouts widened, traffic lights installed at the roundabouts, and improved pedestrian and cycle facilities, along with improved drainage.

The plans were first announced last year, with the start date of the work being confirmed this week.

Hampshire County Council's executive member for environment and transport, Rob Humby said: "The A33 is a key strategic route in Basingstoke, providing a link between Basingstoke and Reading and access to two pivotal business parks.

"During peak times travellers can get caught up in heavy congestion.

"These improvements by the county council aim to reduce delays and queuing and will also upgrade the drainage system to minimise the risk of flooding between the two roundabouts."

With regular localised flooding between the Crockford and Binfields roundabouts stemming from a pond immediately north of the A33 by the railway bridge, work will also be carried out to widen and line the pond to increase its capacity.

Local residents and businesses will have the chance to meet Dyer and Butler, the construction team carrying out the upgrade, and view the plans on August 2 at Unit 'Central 40' of the Chineham Business Park between 3pm and 6pm.

Commuters are being warned that delays are expected and are being urged to allow more time to complete their journeys.

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Dogs have a great day as Malarkey returns to park

THE War Memorial Park in Basingstoke was full of four legged friends on Sunday as Barky Malarkey returned for a 'pawsome day'.

Hundreds of dogs and their owners took part in competitions, shows and generally had fun as they brightened up what was a dull day weather-wise.

Clair Ramshaw, chair of the organising committee, said: "It went really well and was the biggest show in the three years we've been doing it.

"Even with the weather we had such a good turnout and hopefully we'll have raised a minimum of £1,000 for our two charities this year.

"People keep comparing us to the major dog shows but we're just a group of volunteers.

"Thank you to all our committee members and helpers and so many more without whom it could not have happened and of course to our judge, supporters, sponsors, stall holders and everyone who came along."

Clair said that they would split the money raised equally between Hampshire Search and Rescue Dogs and Woofability Assistance Dogs, a charity that operates in Dorset, Hampshire, Wiltshire, Berkshire and Surrey.

Barky Malarkey is organised by a small committee of dog lovers to raise money and awareness for charities that fund canines that assist the public.

The eyes have it, above, and winning dogs and their owners take a bow, below. Pictures by Steve Myers

Boost for community life savers

STAFF at the Sainsbury's Depot in Basingstoke have raised more than £1,000 for their life-saving charity of the year.

Workers at Houndmills Distribution Centre have raised £1,315 for Tadley Community First Responders through a variety of fundraising efforts.

The money has enabled the volunteer ambulance responders to buy a new technologically advanced resuscitation training dummy, three choking training vests and stock equipment to maintain their daily emergency care.

Chloe Loughlin, engagement and communications lead at the depot, said: "We've been delighted to work with Debbie Leadbetter and the Tadley Community First Responders. They're inspirational volunteers who give their time to help care for people and save lives.

"They're trained by the Ambulance Service and offer first hand response to calls involving potentially life threatening conditions until the arrival of an ambulance.

"They primarily fund the service themselves and therefore only rely on donations to ensure the future success of the service."

The depot has nominated Naomi House and Jacksplace as it's new charity of the year.

£250k pot of grant money is on offer to good causes

By Matthew Brown

COMMUNITY groups working to transform lives across Basingstoke and Deane are being encouraged to apply for borough council grants of up to £20,000.

Since the council's community and voluntary sector grant scheme was first introduced in 2015, groups have benefited from around £600,000 in grants.

In the latest round, £250,000 in total is on offer for community and voluntary groups that work to improve the lives of residents.

Cabinet member for finance, delivery and improvement, Robert Tate, said: "It's wonderful to hear how these grants are making a real difference to people's lives.

"We are very lucky to have such dedicated not-for-profit organisations within the borough, and that we're able to support them through the community and voluntary sector grant scheme.

"We want to hear from organisations which are making a difference, so we can continue to improve the lives of residents."

The Aspire Job Club programme delivered by Basingstoke Mencap is just one of the projects that has benefited from previous rounds of grants, receiving funding of £27,000 over the last two years.

A budget of £266,000 has been agreed for 2018/19 grants and funding applications for community projects taking place between April 1, 2018 and March 31, 2021 are now being invited.

For more details or to apply, go to the website: basingstoke.gov.uk/funding.

Play discussion

RESIDENTS' views are needed regarding the lighting at the Alliston Way Play Area.

A resident put forward an idea to turn off the lights at the play area at night to discourage anti-social behaviour and councillors have decided to gauge local opinion first.

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Town pays tribute to author with lifesize bronze statue

By Matthew Brown

BASINGSTOKE has written itself into history by unveiling what is believed to be the first life-size statue of Jane Austen in the world.

Crowds flocked to the Market Place last Tuesday on the bicentenary of the *Pride and Prejudice* author's death to see the £100,000 bronze statue by Basingstoke sculptor Adam Roud finally revealed.

Austen was born in Steventon where her father was the vicar.

Leader of Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council, Clive Sanders, was delighted that she was finally being marked.

He said: "After many years of being somewhat overlooked in our borough, we have at last reclaimed Jane.

"It was in this borough that she was born and where she lived the majority of her life, and where she was the happiest.

"It was to this square that she would come to go shopping or to dance at the assembly rooms opposite.

"This was the place where her heart belonged and her creativity flowed.

"All of her books were written, either in draft or revised form while she was living here in north Hampshire and nowhere else.

"It is right that on the 200th anniversary of her death we should bring her back to this Market Place she knew so well, to once again be one of us."

The 5ft 5ins statue was commissioned by the Hampshire Cultural Trust which funded it through donations from individuals, trusts and foundation grants.

Mr Roud started the statue in March and previously said he wanted to "have Jane walking in the square where she would have done, I didn't want to put her up on a pedestal, I wanted her to be an ordinary person".

As well as representing Austen as a writer, Mr Roud hoped it represented her as a strong-willed and independent woman.

Creating the piece was difficult as only one portrait exists – a sketch drawn by her sister Cassandra – and is said not to be an accurate likeness of Jane.

Sculptor Adam Roud with the Jane Austen statue

The statue was unveiled at the ceremony attended by civic dignitaries after Claire Tomalin, author of *Jane Austen: A Life* detailed her strong connections with Basingstoke, having spent the first 25 years of her life in Steventon where her father was the vicar.

The Austen Family then moved to Bath in 1801 and Jane died on July 18 1817 in Winchester, aged 41.

Ms Tomalin said: "Nothing could be better than a sculpture of Jane Austen hurrying across the Market Square to collect library books, do a little shopping or pick up her mother from Dr Lyford's house.

"It is an inspired idea and will be welcomed by everyone who reads her novels and cares for her memory."

• *Austen banknote unveiled: p7*

Hundreds get lift up onto homes ladder

MORE than 450 people in Basingstoke and Deane have taken advantage of the Government's Help to Buy scheme to get on the housing ladder or move to a bigger home.

In the borough, there were 458 Help to Buy sales, with 385 of those being first time buyers.

Countywide, 4,195 people in Hampshire have taken advantage of the scheme, with 81 per cent of those first time buyers.

Michelle Storer, sales director for Barratt Homes, said: "Hampshire has produced some strong results for the Help to Buy scheme and it is great to see such high figures in the area.

"More than 800 people have used the scheme in the Test Valley and more than 500 in Southampton.

"Help to Buy has proved extremely valuable to so many homebuyers."

The scheme enables anyone to put down a five per cent deposit on a new home less than the value of £600,000 and have access to more affordable mortgage rates from a Government equity loan for five years.

The Government lends the buyer 20 per cent of the value of the property over that five-year period. It is open to all, not just first time buyers.

Disruption to train services next month due to maintenance at Waterloo station

ALMOST 50 per cent of rail services between Basingstoke and London Waterloo will be cut during August.

Between August 5 and 28, South West Trains will run peak-time services as usual but a significant number of off-peak trains will be slashed to allow for essential upgrade works to be undertaken at Waterloo station.

Passengers using Basingstoke's station are being warned they may have to queue outside the station and trains that usually run may not be operating because of the work.

Services will be much busier than usual, journeys may take longer and it may not be possible to board the first train on arrival at Basingstoke, the train operator has warned.

Network Rail will also be severely restricting access to Waterloo station in the evenings during August to prevent possible levels of dangerous overcrowding.

Tickets will be valid on services via Reading to London Paddington.

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College lifted out of special measures

CRANBOURNE Business and Enterprise College had a double cause for celebration as it was lifted out of special measures on its 50th anniversary.

Staff were jumping for joy along with students and parents past and present during a reunion on Saturday evening when the good news was announced from Ofsted that the school 'no longer requires special measures'.

It had placed the school into special measures in December 2015 but following a recent inspection, Ofsted deemed the school had improved.

Headteacher Jane Aplin spoke of her pride. She said: "The inspection took place on the hottest two days we can remember.

"Nevertheless, the staff and students were so professional and proud to show off the college.

"We were graded 'good' for leadership and personal development and well-bring.

"Safeguarding was found to be effective and students feel 'safe and well cared-for'.

Smiles all round at the college reunion on Saturday

"We still have work to do, to make sure that teaching and behaviour is good in every lesson; and that all groups of students achieve well.

"And with 20 new specialists teachers arriving in September, I'm confident we can achieve that."

Staff and students past and present gathered at the reunion, and for many, it was an emotional experience as some were reacquainted with old friends.

It was also a chance for the school community to celebrate the school's positive steps forward.

Town's switch of grounds the 'best option for club'

By Matthew Brown

BASINGSTOKE Town football club looks set to move grounds to the headquarters of the Hampshire FA at Winklebury.

The two parties issued a joint statement agreeing that they 'should work in partnership to secure the benefits at Winklebury for the greater good of football and the community', prior to a meeting of Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council's community, environment and partnerships committee last Wednesday where the issue was discussed.

The Winklebury plans include an artificial 3G pitch, new spectator facilities and working with the groups that already use the complex such as Basingstoke Town Ladies FC, Winklebury Wizards and local schools.

It is hoped that Basingstoke Town, which recently became a community club, will play their home games there from September 2018.

Outgoing chairman Rafi Razzak has ended his financial involvement with the Dragons and is looking to sell the club's current home, the Camrose, for development so he can reclaim the money he has invested in the club.

At the meeting, the views of fans, club officials and councillors were heard along with representation from the Hampshire County FA.

Fan David Partridge told the meeting: "The future lies in a new set-up, a new community club, with no involvement from Mr Razzak.

"A lot of fans feel like they have been left out of the decision making process and we remain a frustrated and fractured body.

"They need to feel they are able to unite and come together to support the community club."

Supporters' Club chairman and community club board member Martin French said that fans were shocked by the prospect of leaving the Camrose but agreed 'Winklebury is the only way forward'.

Chief executive David Knight said Mr Razzak had an 'unbending commitment to sell the Camrose' but Winklebury was 'the best option to keep the club in the town'.

Furthermore, the plans have received the backing of the borough council. Cllr Simon Bound said: "This is a bold step but the right one and I encourage people and businesses in the borough to get behind the club and support it."

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Soccer ace is guest

WHITCHURCH: Southampton FC legend Francis Benali is the guest for the Whitchurch Sports and Social Club Sportsman's Dinner on August 3.

The full back will be speaking about his playing career and life after football including his charity exploits.

In October last year, he ran to every Premier League and Championship stadium in two weeks for Cancer Research, raising £350,000.

Doors open at 7pm and tickets cost £25, including a three-course meal. They can be bought from the club directly.

Night at movies

OVERTON: A film night is being held at St Mary's Hall tomorrow night (Friday).

The film Sully is being shown and doors open at 7.15pm for a 7.45pm start.

Tickets are £5 from the Overton Gallery or £5.50 on the door.

The movie nights are taking a break before the next film, A United Kingdom, is shown on September 29.

Ukulele time

BASINGSTOKE: A ukulele jam session is being held at the Viables Community Centre on Monday.

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Tenner for your thoughts, Jane?

By Matthew Brown

AS well as a bronze statue, the legacy of Jane Austen will live on as her image features on the new £10 note and a £2 coin.

The new plastic £10 note was unveiled on the bicentenary of Jane's death on July 18 at Winchester Cathedral, her resting place, by the Governor of the Bank of England, Mark Carney.

He said: "Our banknotes serve as repositories of the country's collective memory, promoting awareness of the UK's glorious history and highlighting the contributions of its greatest citizens.

"The new £10 note celebrates Jane Austen's work.

"Austen's novels have a universal appeal and speak as powerfully today as they did when they were first published."

The quote 'I declare after all there is no enjoyment like reading!' from *Pride and Prejudice* features on the note, as well as her writing tablet, used when Austen lived at Chawton Cottage in Hampshire.

Also featuring on the design is a portrait based on an original drawn by Austen's sister, Cassandra.

The new note will come into circulation on September 14, with the old £10 notes featuring Charles Darwin set be withdrawn and legal tender status ending at some stage in spring 2018.

Like the new £5 note, it will be printed on polymer, making it safer, stronger and cleaner.

Those who are visually impaired can also benefit from features such as raised print and differing colour palettes.

What would Jane Austen have thought about being displayed on a banknote?

The Royal Mint has also commissioned a new £2 coin featuring Austen, currently being circulated as a limited supply but will be circulated more widely later this year.

Royal Mint graphic designer Dominique Evans, who designed the coin, said she imagined the silhouette of Jane Austen that features on the coin to be on the walls of one of the houses in her books.

There will be 200 of the new coins in the tills at Festival Place ahead of general circulation as well as places in Winchester such as the Cathedral and the Jane Austen House Museum.

In addition, a special £2 coin presentation pack can be brought from the Festival Place information desk for £10, including a donation to the Ark Cancer Charity.

Target-hitting health trust acts as example to others

THE trust that runs Basingstoke Hospital has hit key targets, improved performance and ended the year with a £4.7million surplus.

All of this was revealed at the Hampshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust AGM and exhibition at the Ark Conference Centre on July 18.

Targets were met for planned care, cancer and diagnostic tests and also admitting or discharging 95 per cent of patients in emergency departments within four hours.

Trust chief executive Alex Whitfield said: "Some amazing things took place in 2016/17 and I am extremely proud to be joining the trust after a very good year.

"I think the trend in performance in our emergency departments has been astonishing and other trusts are now coming to ask us how we are doing it.

"The answer is that it's a real mixture of work that we have done within the trust and with our partners to ensure that we get people home to their own beds as soon as they are medically fit to leave hospital."

Hard working staff from departments across the trust got the show off their skills before the AGM took place.

These included cardiology, recruitment, radiotherapy and research departments offering a number of interactive activities.

Elizabeth Padmore, chairman of the trust, said: "We are all extremely grateful to the staff who put on such an interesting and informative exhibition, giving up their own time.

"None of our achievements would be possible without our fantastic staff and I'd like to publicly thank every single one of them for everything they do."

News Bites

Bootiful bargains

BASINGSTOKE: An indoor/outdoor car boot sale is being held at the Sycamore Centre on Sunday.

The sale runs from 2pm until 4pm and there will also be a raffle and refreshments. These sales take place on the last Sunday of every month and admission is free.

Email shcawinklebury@gmail.com to book a stall.

Come for coffee

BASINGSTOKE: The Basingstoke and District Disability Forum is hosting a coffee morning at the Discovery Centre on Tuesday.

It is a chance for anyone affected by a disability to get together and meet new people.

The coffee morning is free, starting at 12.30pm until 2.30pm.

Lottery winners

BASINGSTOKE AND DEANE: St Michael's Hospice has announced the winners of its latest lottery draw from July 21.

First prize of £1,000 goes to ticket 16774 of Hook, while ticket 12355 of Tadley claims second prize of £100.

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MP learns life saving heart skill

BASINGSTOKE MP Maria Miller has signed up to become a defibrillator champion.

She did so after meeting with The Oliver King Foundation in Westminster, who recently provided a defibrillator for Brighton Hill School in Basingstoke.

Mrs Miller said: "I am proud to become a lifesaving defibrillator champion for Basingstoke.

"The Oliver King Foundation has installed a defibrillator at Brighton Hill School and I will be working with our local schools to ensure that we have more in Basingstoke.

"It is vital that we take action to prevent any loss of life where one can be saved."

The Oliver King Foundation was set up in January 2012 following the sudden death of Oliver King from sudden arrhythmic death syndrome, a hidden heart condition that kills 12 young people every week.

Oliver's dad Mark said: "Five years ago when my son passed away from this hidden heart condition, we didn't know that his legacy would reach this far.

"We are determined to save as many young lives as possible so that no other family has to suffer a similar loss."

New 5G testbed puts town at the heart of technology

By Matthew Brown

BASINGSTOKE is at the forefront of a digital revolution with the launch of a world-leading testbed for the next generation of digital technology.

The UK's only test bed of the super-fast 5G mobile network, likely to be significantly faster than currently available 3G and 4G, was opened last week at the newly announced Enterprise Zone at Basing View.

Cllr Hannah Golding, Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council's cabinet member for digital innovation and inclusion, said: "The cutting-edge 5G mobile network testbed puts Basingstoke at the heart of pioneering mobile technology.

"The council is delighted to lend its support to the 5G Innovation Centre and facilitate the use of the 5G test bed by local digital entrepreneurs and growing businesses, which will enable them to develop mobile applications which are fit for the future.

"We are truly at the forefront of emerging technology in mobile communications."

It is hoped 5G technology will revolutionise the world through improving the speed and reliability of digital connections – one of the benefits is a high-definition film will take just one second to download.

The testbed, at the Innovation Centre in Basing View, was launched on Wednesday last week at the Ark Conference Centre at Basingstoke and North Hampshire Hospital.

It brings together Enterprise M3, whose growth fund provided the investment, expertise from the University of Surrey's 5G Innovation Centre and the borough council.

The testbed will be directly connected to the University's £75 million research and development facility for 5G.

Adrian Branie, entrepreneur-in-residence at the 5G Step Out in Basingstoke, said the possibilities with 5G are endless.

He said: "The new 5G testbed will bring a wealth of possibilities for digital start-ups and change our world like never before.

"Having access to a world-leading facility such as this on our doorstep will allow businesses to grow, develop new products and explore the next generation of mobile."

From left: Adrian Branie, Cllr Hannah Golding, Keith Robson, chief operating officer at University of Surrey's 5G Innovation Centre, and Dr Mike Short, EM3 board member. Picture by Stewart Turkington

News Bites

Lightning strike

BASINGSTOKE: A house in Hatch Warren was damaged after being hit by lightning.

Firefighters from Basingstoke were called to the house in Chatsworth Green at around 2.50am on July 19.

They made the house safe and salvaged items from the property, leaving the scene at around 4.14am.

On marks to run

BASINGSTOKE: Free family running sessions at Stratton Park start on Monday.

The sessions take place every Monday, apart from August 28, until September 11 and are being delivered and overseen by coaches from Live2run4fun.

They run from 6.30pm to 7.30pm and are open to families with children aged eight and over. Participants should meet by the tennis courts in the park.

Play Day in park

BASINGSTOKE: Eastrop Park is playing host to a National Play Day event on August 2 to highlight the importance of play in children's lives.

Attractions include farm animals, inflatables, pond dipping, craft activities and much more. Activities start from 11am. Entry is free.

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In market for fun

BASINGSTOKE: There will be fun for all the family at Basingstoke Market on Saturday.

As part of Making Markets Matter, a number of activities including cooking demonstrations, giveaways, a voucher vault, face painting and a basketball shootout will be taking place. There is also a chance to win £101 by playing Find a Fruit.

It runs from 10am to 3.30pm.

Make miles count

BASINGSTOKE: The second annual Muffin Mile will be held at Chineham Village Hall on Saturday..

There will be a fair featuring a bouncy castle, stalls, sponge stocks and a raffle from noon to 4pm, while the runners embark on their mile challenge at around 2.45pm.

Money raised will go to the Oxford-based Muffin's Dream-Foundation, which helps children with a disability or illness.

Trace the Tudors

SHERBORNE ST JOHN: Walk among the lords and ladies of the Tudor society in a 'Meet a Tudor Courtier' event at The Vyne.

Taking place this weekend, they will be wearing headdresses from the period. This event is free but normal admission prices apply.

Teacher sees wisdom of keeping up with eye tests

By Matthew Brown

Greg Archer has noticed a real difference since he was prescribed glasses

A HOOK dad is urging people to have their eyes tested after his long overdue examination found that he had been driving with impaired vision.

Greg Archer, a PE teacher at Testbourne Community School in Whitchurch, last had an eye test in 2007 but a recent one found that vision in his right eye fell behind the required standards to drive a car.

The 31-year-old said: "I should have looked into getting one sooner – all of my immediate family have glasses and vision issues of varying levels and my dad had cataracts last year, but I just didn't realise my eyes were that bad.

"The optometrist said if I was driving with just my right eye it would have been illegal.

"Apparently, the other eye was compensating so it was gradual deterioration and so wasn't noticeable straight away.

"It worries me now to think that the whole time I was driving with poor vision, I was potentially putting my family at risk."

The father of soon-to-be-two said that there had been a few moments over the last 18 months where he hadn't been able to read things clearly but didn't realise the extent of the problem.

He had gone to Vision Express in Basingstoke for his eye test and knew he was struggling when he thought letters on the wall were deliberately blurry.

Greg was prescribed glasses and has noticed a real difference in everyday life and on his 25-mile commute.

He said: "It's reaffirmed that I definitely wasn't safe to drive before. It's made everything clearer and sharper.

"When you're driving, there's lots to concentrate on – add poor sight to the mix and it's going to make the journey so much more difficult and unsafe."

It is recommended that eye tests are carried out every two years as around 50 per cent of sight loss is preventable.

Research has also revealed almost one in three UK drivers are overdue an eye test, while four per cent say they have never had one.

Shops centre hosts Austen challenge

FESTIVAL Place is getting in on the action to celebrate the bicentenary of Jane Austen's death.

Young authors hoping to follow in Jane's footsteps can enter 21st Century Tales, a 500-word writing competition where the winners will receive a £100 Waterstones voucher.

They will also get their work published in a limited edition printed book and have their stories transformed into an audio book, read by actress Emilia Fox who made her television debut in the BBC's version of *Pride and Prejudice*.

There are two age groups: four to nine years and 10-13 years, with the competition closing on August 27.

To enter, visit the Festival Place information desk and there will be a writing area on the upper level along with a designated reading area during the summer holidays featuring regular story times.

Alongside the competition and reading area, there will also be a chance for shoppers to purchase a special Jane Austen £2 coin presentation pack.

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MP praises boost in cash for schools

NORTH East Hampshire MP Ranil Jayawardena has welcomed an additional £1.3billion in funding for schools.

Schools in his constituency are set to benefit after education secretary Justine Greening announced a boost to the core schools budget.

Mr Jayawardena, a Conservative, said: "The Conservatives are committed to ending the postcode lottery of school funding – so all children receive the education they deserve – wherever they live.

"This announcement sends a clear message that we are committed to raising standards and giving every child the best possible education and the best possible opportunities for the future."

The MP claimed the funding increase would mean that 'each and every' pupil will now get more spent on them per head, and will ensure every local authority is in a position to give schools a cash increase through a new formula.

He added: "It is hoped that this will raise standards and give every children the best possible education."

However, critics of the government say the extra cash is not enough and has been drawn from other areas of the education budget.

Hospital pioneers faster new cancer treatment

By Matthew Brown

A NEW procedure that could change the lives of thousands of men is being pioneered at Basingstoke and North Hampshire Hospital.

The Rezum procedure involves injecting a small amount of steam directly into the prostate which then shrinks as it repairs itself.

Symptoms of an enlarged prostate include difficulty passing water, as well as needing to visit the toilet more frequently and with more urgency.

But it is hoped this groundbreaking treatment, that only needs a local anaesthetic, could prevent some of these issues.

One of the first patients to benefit was 63-year-old David Livie, with the treatment carried out by consultant urologist Richard Hindley.

Mr Hindley said: "Seventy per cent of men over 70 and half of men over 50 suffer some symptoms due to an enlarged prostate.

"Until now, we have treated with medication until it got to the point where we had to carry out a fairly big operation to ease the problems.

From left, consultant urologist Amr Emara, theatre nurse Becky Cave and consultant urologist Richard Hindley with the Rezum equipment

"Rezum is a very quick procedure and patients can be discharged the same day.

"It is also a non-invasive treatment, meaning there is much less chance of it having side effect, improving quality of life overall."

Mr Livie, who had been on medication for three years for his enlarged prostate, said he had noticed a real difference since his Rezum procedure.

"I'm finding going to the toilet much easier and I'm waking up much less in the night," he said.

"Before the procedure, I was having to get up two or three times every night, but now I only have to get up once and there have been nights where I've been able to sleep right through.

"I was really pleased not to need a big operation. I had the procedure on a Thursday and by the Saturday I was well enough to walk 10 miles.

"I think it could make a real difference to a lot of people."

News Bites

Follow Jane's steps

BASINGSTOKE: An afternoon of music, dance and song that would have been familiar to Jane Austen is being held on Sunday.

The Discovery Centre in Festival Place aims to illuminate the social history of her time and will also feature entertaining readings from diaries, newspapers and other sources.

Refreshments are available and the event runs from 3pm until 5pm.

Parks recognised

BASINGSTOKE: Both Eastrop Park and the War Memorial Park have once again been awarded with Green Flag awards.

This award is the benchmark national standard for parks and green spaces in England and Wales and means that a particular site is a high quality green space.

Band signs off

BASINGSTOKE: The final summer concert in Eastrop Park takes place on Sunday.

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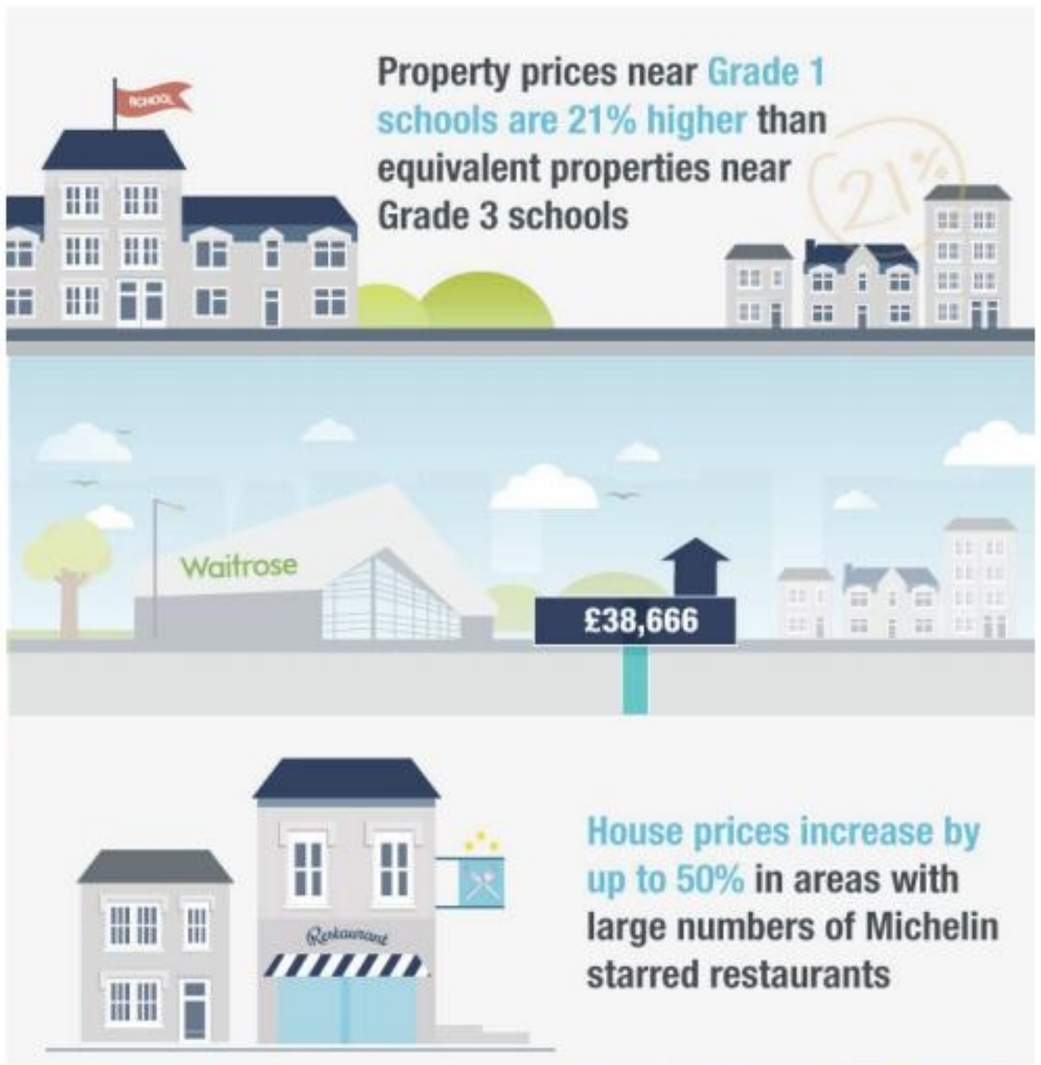
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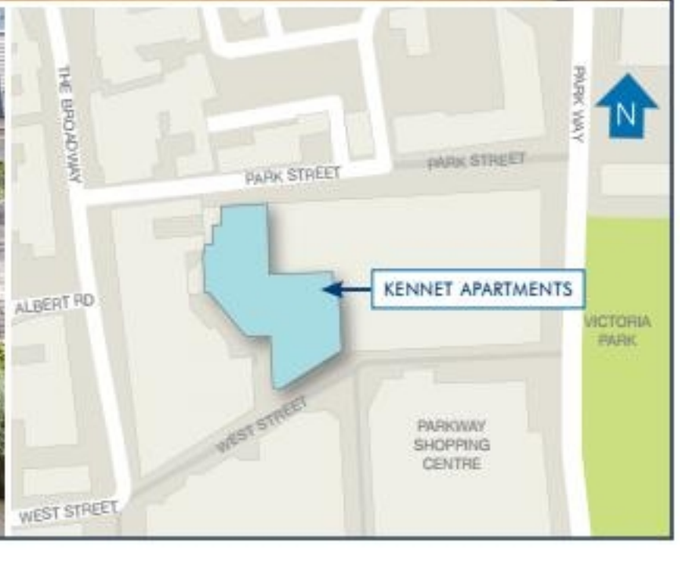

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Two speed crossword

Quick Clues Across

1 Views (6)
7 Pacify (7)
8 Out of doors (4,3)
9 Fool (5)
10 Operating by itself (9)
12 Singular (3)
13 Writing fluids (4)
15 Choked (7)
17 American university (4)
19 Negative word (3)
21 Gesture of greeting (9)
22 Noosed rope (5)
23 Become less brisk (7)
24 Most elevated (7)
25 Metals (6)

Quick Clues Down

1 One who hides aboard ship (8)
2 Jewish quarter (6)
3 Shackle (7)
4 Fundamental (5)
5 Fixed allowance (6)
6 Chair (4)
7 Leading character (11)
11 On one occasion only (4)
13 Image (4)
14 Snakes (8)
16 Delight (7)
18 Finally (6)
20 Equipment (6)
21 Cavities (5)
22 After due or usual time (4)

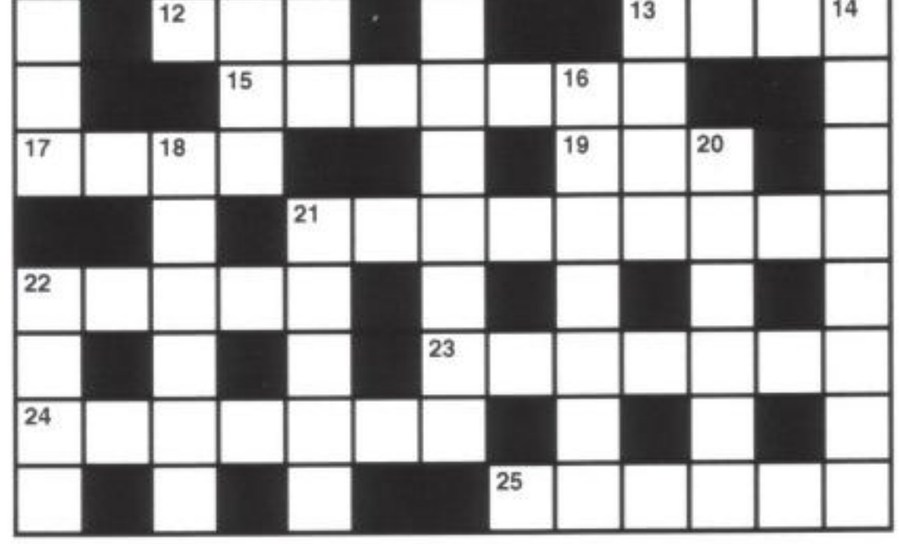
Scribble space

Cryptic Clues Across

1 Think again and bring salvation (6)
7 Spoken from memory - about the co-respondent? (7)
8 The urge to admit I'm beat (7)
9 Lay back to see it was faithful (5)
10 Pause to bury the duellist, disturbed and listless (9)
12 Droop as the heat comes back (3)
13 Except a backward Middle Eastern (4)
15 We hear of waterproofing the roof (7)
17 Frame the band (4)
19 The fish returns on the sheltered side (3)
21 Writing down the recipe for the best gin sling? (9)
22 Sounds the correct way to sign (5)
23 Exposing the falseness of the fastening (7)
24 Stays for the ruins (7)
25 There's cold comfort in such blockhouses (6)

Cryptic Clues Down

1 Denunciations of fences? (8)
2 Warehouses of French containers (6)
3 How the angler with the tail of one that got away will exaggerate (7)
4 Balance the proportionate size (5)
5 One who supports a game contestant? (6)
6 I'd look back at the image (4)
7 Politicians who are concerned with ancient tax collectors (11)
11 Teachers can provide something for everyone (4)
13 Grew old having managed without a husband (4)
14 Loose women secure challenges (8)
16 Initially very good inner way of getting up courage (7)
18 Sacred marks - no thanks, a mark of infamy (6)
20 The same - see around for a vital urge (6)
21 Time to take right back and send the money (5)



Sudoku

The objective is to fill a 9×9 grid with digits so that each column, each row, and each of the nine 3×3 sub-grids that compose the grid (also called "boxes", "blocks", "regions", or "sub-squares") contains all of the digits from 1 to 9. The puzzle setter provides a partially completed grid, which for a well-posed puzzle has a unique solution.

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	9		6			5		
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This week's solutions

4	6	8	1	9	7	5	2	3
5	2	3	4	8	6	1	7	9
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3	4	1	9	7	8	2	5	6
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3	5	9	1	2	4	8	6	7
5	3	7	2	4	1	9	8	6
4	2	1	9	8	6	3	5	7
7	6	8	5	1	7	4	1	2

Quick Crossword

Across: 1 Sights 7 Placate 8 Open air 9 Idiot 10 Automatic 12 One 13 Inks 15 Clogged 17 Yale 19 Nor 21 Handclasp 22 Lasso 23 Slacken 24 Tallest 25 Steels

Down: 1 Stowaway 2 Ghetto 3 Trammel 4 Basic 5 Ration 6 Seat 7 Protagonist 11 Once 13 Idol 14 Serpents 16 Enchant 18 Lastly 20 Tackle 21 Holes 22 Late

Cryptic Crossword

Across: 1 Redeem 7 Recited 8 Impulse 9 Loyal 10 Interlude 12 Sag 13 Arab 15 Ceiling 17 Sash 19 Eel 21 Recording 22 Write 23 Nailing 24 Remains 25 Igloos

Down: 1 Railings 2 Depots 3 Enlarge 4 Scale 5 Stayer 6 Idol 7 Republicans 11 Each 13 Aged 14 Baggages 16 Nerving 18 Sigma 20 Libido 21 Remit 22 Wore

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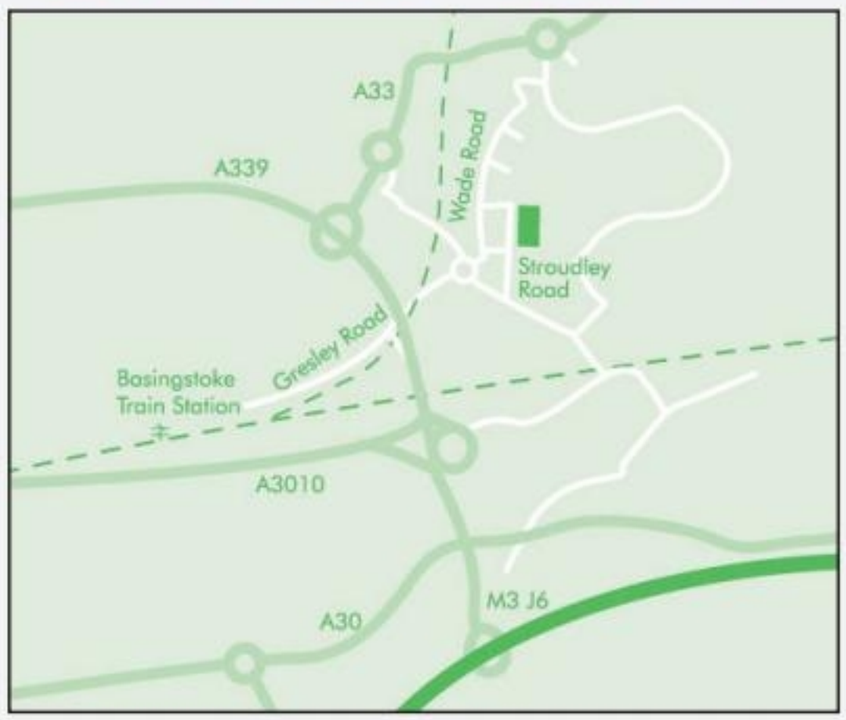

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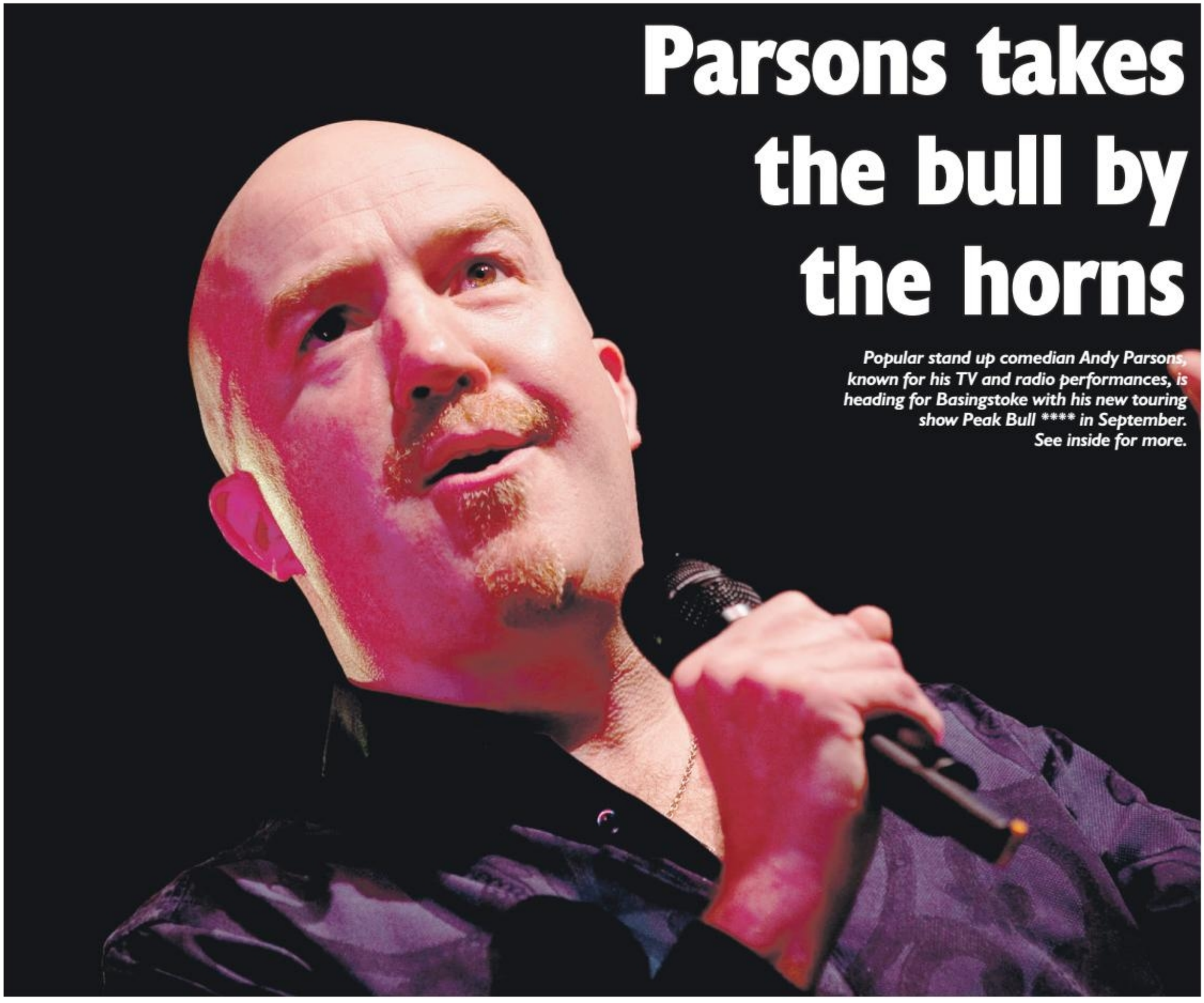

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Peter Kay's Comedy Shuffle, 9pm

DAYTIME

10.00 Homes Under the Hammer (S)(R) **11.00 Food: Truth or Scare** (S)(R) **11.45 Rip Off Britain: Holidays** (S) **12.15 Bargain Hunt** (S) **1.00 BBC News at One; Weather** (S) **1.30 BBC Regional News and Weather** (S) **1.45 Red Rock** (S) **2.30 Escape to the Country** (S)(R) **3.30 Money for Nothing** (S)(R) **4.15 Flog It!** (S)(R) **5.15 Pointless** (S)(R) **6.00 BBC News** (S) **6.30 BBC Regional News** (S)

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7.00 The Farmers' Country Showdown (S)
7.30 Thief Trackers; (S)(R) BBC News; Regional News (S)

8

8.00 EastEnders Carmel and Max enjoy a romantic date. (S)
8.30 Still Open All Hours A bridegroom has cold feet. (S)(R)

9

9.00 Peter Kay's Comedy Shuffle The comedian wows an audience of 15,000 with his shovel. Last in the series. (S)
9.30 Mrs Brown's Boys (S)(R)

10

10.00 BBC News at Ten (S)
10.25 BBC Regional News; (S) National Lottery Update (S)
10.35 Not Going Out Lee and Lucy play hot-tub fantasy date with Anna and Toby. (S)(R)

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11.05 FILM The Sentinel (2006) (12) Spy thriller, with Michael Douglas and Kiefer Sutherland. (S)

AFTER 12

12.45 Weather for the Week Ahead (S) **12.50** BBC News (S)

BBC2

Gardeners' World, 9pm

6.30 Wild UK (S)(R) **7.15 Bargain Hunt** (S)(R) **8.00 Sign Zone: Gardeners' World** (S)(R) **9.00 Victoria Derbyshire** (S) **11.00 BBC Newsroom Live** (S) **1.00 Countryfile** (S)(R) **1.15 Two Tribes** (S)(R) **1.45 A Taste of Britain** (S)(R) **2.30 The Best Dishes Ever** (S)(R) **3.00 This Wild Life** (S)(R) **3.30 Hive Alive** (S)(R) **4.30 Live Swimming: World Championships** (S) **6.00 Eggheads** (S) **6.30 Letterbox** (S)

7.00 Celebrity Antiques Road Trip Comic and entertainer Jim Moir – aka Vic Reeves – and his wife Nancy Sorrell take to the road. (S)(R)

8.00 Mastermind New series. Specialist and general knowledge quiz. (S)
8.30 Only Connect (S)

9.00 Gardeners' World Monty Don offers advice on the summer pruning of fruit trees, while Carol Klein meets writer and former presenter of the programme Roy Lancaster. (S)

10.00 QI With David Baddiel, Cariad Lloyd and Ross Noble. (S)(R)
10.30 Newsnight (S)

11.00 Weather (S)
11.05 Cleverman Koen seeks help from Aunty Linda. (S)
11.55 Cleverman (S)

12.50 Sign Zone: Men, Boys and Eating Disorders – Panorama (S)(R) **1.20** Grandad, Dementia & Me (S)(R) **2.20** Growing Up with Cancer (S)(R) **2.50** This Is BBC Two (S)

ITV

Coronation Street, 7.30pm

6.00 Good Morning Britain (S) **8.30 Lorraine** (S) **9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show** (S)(R) **10.30 This Morning** (S) **12.30 Loose Women** (S) **1.30 ITV News;** Weather (S) **1.55 ITV Regional News;** Weather (S) **2.00 Judge Rinder** (S)(R) **3.00 Tenable** (S)(R) **3.59 ITV Regional Weather** (S) **4.00 Tipping Point** (S)(R) **5.00 The Chase** (S)(R) **6.00 ITV Regional News;** Weather (S) **6.30 ITV Evening News;** Weather (S)

7.00 Emmerdale The verdict is reached in the trial. (S)
7.30 Coronation Street Leanne gets a windfall from Nick. (S)

8.00 The Secret World of Posh Pets Those who participate in miniature horse shows. (S)
8.30 Coronation Street (S)

9.00 Benidorm Tiger and Joey get into trouble with a biker gang at a local bar, Geoff's status as "the Oracle" is revoked, there are big changes at Blow & Go and Joyce goes to a house auction. (S)(R)

10.00 ITV News; Weather (S)
10.30 ITV Regional News; Weather (S)
10.40 Inside London Fire Brigade The work of the city's fire service over the past 12 months. (S)(R)

11.45 Call the Cleaners Documentary following the work of extreme cleaners. (S)(R)

12.10 Jackpot247 3.00 Storage Hoarders (S)(R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen

Channel 4

Naked Attraction, 10pm

8.35 Frasier (S)(R) **10.05 Undercover Boss USA** (S)(R) **11.00 The Simpsons** (S)(R) **12.00 Channel 4 News** (S) **12.05 Couples Come Dine with Me** (S)(R) **1.05 Posh Pawn** (S)(R) **2.10 Countdown** (S) **3.00 The Question Jury** (S) **4.00 A Place in the Sun: Summer Sun** (S) **5.00 Four in a Bed** (S)(R) **5.30 Come Dine with Me** (S) **6.00 The Simpsons** (S)(R) **6.30 Hollyoaks** (S)

7.00 Channel 4 News (S)

8.00 Gogglesprogs Appraisals of First Dates, Nature's Weirdest Events and Dirty Dancing. Last in the series. (S)

9.00 The Last Leg Comedy legend John Cleese joins Adam Hills, Josh Widdicombe and Alex Brooker for a comical review of the week. (S)

10.00 Naked Attraction Anna Richardson hosts as 22-year-old Sophie seeks a conversational man, while 25-year-old Dom hopes to find a confident, daring and adventurous man. (S)

11.05 Rude Tube New series. Alex Zane presents a fresh Top 50 countdown of jaw-dropping internet clips. (S)

12.10 8 Out of 10 Cats: Best Bits (S) **12.50** The Windsors (S)(R) **1.20 FILM ATM (2012) (15)** (S) **2.50** The Handmaid's Tale (S)(R) **3.50** Food Unwrapped (S)(R) **4.15** Selling Houses with Amanda Lamb (S)(R) **5.15** Location, Location, Location (S)(R)

Channel 5

Neighbours, 5.30pm

6.00 Milkshake! 9.15 The Wright Stuff 11.15 The Yorkshire Vet (S)(R) **12.10 5 News Lunchtime** (S) **12.15 Big Brother** (S)(R) **1.10 Access 1.15 Home and Away** (S) **1.45 Neighbours** (S) **2.15 NCIS: Murder in the Family** (S)(R) **3.15 FILM A Father's Secret (2016) (PG)** Thriller, starring Willa Ford. (S) **5.00 5 News at 5** (S) **5.30 Neighbours** (S)(R) **6.00 Home and Away** (S)(R) **6.30 5 News Tonight** (S)

7.00 Cricket on 5 England v South Africa. Highlights of the second day's play in the Third Test of the four-match series; (S) 5 News Update (S)

8.00 Drain the Bermuda Triangle An exploration of the 450,000 square mile area of ocean; (S) 5 News Update (S)

9.00 Big Brother: Live Final Emma Willis whittles down the finalists to reveal which of the housemates has been chosen as this year's winner. Last in the series. (S)

10.45 Big Brother's Bit on the Side Rylan Clark-Neal talks to the winner and runners-up. Last in the series. (S)

11.45 Lip Sync Battle Stephen Merchant takes on Malin Akerman. (S)(R)

12.15 SuperCasino (S) **3.10** Big Brother: The Final (S)(R) **4.35** Access (S) **4.45** House Doctor (S)(R) **5.10** Great Scientists (S)(R) **5.35** Wildlife SOS (S)(R)

DIGITAL

ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6

6.00 Nathan Sykes: The Hot Desk **6.10** You've Been Framed! Gold **6.35** Vanderpump Rules **7.20** The Ellen DeGeneres Show **8.00** Emmerdale **9.00** You've Been Framed! Top 100 Talent **10.00** The Great Indoors **10.30** Guidance **11.00** LA Story **11.25** Vanderpump Rules **12.20** Emmerdale **1.30** You've Been Framed! Gold **2.00** The Ellen DeGeneres Show **2.50** The Jeremy Kyle Show **5.00** Judge Rinder **6.00** You've Been Framed! Gold Top 100 Holidays **7.00** You've Been Framed! Gold Top 100 Senior Moments **8.00** Two and a Half Men **9.00** FILM: Horrible Bosses (2011) (15) Comedy, starring Jason Bateman. **11.00** Family Guy **12.05** American Dad! **1.30** Safeword **2.15** Teleshopping **5.45** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10

6.00 Man About the House **6.25** Heartbeat **7.30** Where the Heart Is **8.25** Wild at Heart **9.25** Judge Judy **10.50** Road to Avonlea **11.55** Wycliffe **1.00** Heartbeat **2.05** The Royal **3.05** Wild at Heart **4.15** You're Only Young Twice **4.50** On the Buses **5.55** Heartbeat **7.00** Murder, She Wrote **8.00** Doc Martin **9.00** The Street **10.15** Law & Order: UK **11.20** Wire in the Blood **12.20** Life of Crime **1.20** Prime Suspect V **3.05** Mr Selfridge **4.00** Davina McCall: Life at the Extreme **4.50** George and Mildred **5.15** On the Buses **5.45** ITV3 Nightscreen

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9

7.00 World News Today; Weather **7.30** BBC Proms 2017 **9.45** Chopin Etudes **9.50** Sounds of the Sixties **10.00** BBC Proms 2017 **11.25** Reginald D Hunter's Songs of the South **12.25** Elvis: That's Alright Mama 60 Years On **1.25** Country Kings at the BBC **2.25** Reginald D Hunter's Songs of the South **3.25** Close

E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28

6.00 Hollyoaks **6.30** Coach Trip: Road to Zante **7.00** Made in Chelsea **8.00** Melissa & Joey **9.00** Black-ish **10.00** Baby Daddy **11.00** How I Met Your Mother **12.00** The Goldbergs **1.00** The Big Bang Theory **2.00** Melissa & Joey **3.00** Baby Daddy **4.00** Black-ish **5.00** The Goldbergs **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **7.00** Hollyoaks **7.30** Coach Trip: Road to Zante **8.00** The Big Bang Theory **9.00** FILM: Sinister (2012) (15) Horror, starring Ethan Hawke. **11.10** The Big Bang Theory **12.10** Gogglebox **1.15** Tattoo Fixers on Holiday **2.20** Rude Tube **3.10** First Dates **4.05** Rude Tube **4.30** How I Met Your Mother

MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14

8.55 A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun **11.00** Four in a Bed **1.40** A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun **3.50** Time Team **5.55** Car SOS **6.55** The Supervet **7.55** Grand Designs **9.00** Dicte – Crime Reporter **10.00** 24 Hours in A&E **12.00** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA **1.00** 24 Hours in A&E **2.00** Grand Designs **3.05** 8 Out of 10 Cats Uncut **3.50** Close

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15

11.00 Parental Guidance (2012) (U) Comedy, with Billy Crystal and Bette Midler. **1.05** Robots (2005) (U) **2.50** Titanic (1997) (12) Romantic drama, starring Kate Winslet and Leonardo DiCaprio. **6.40** Cutthroat Island (1995) (PG) Swashbuckling adventure, starring Geena Davis. **9.00** Taken 2 (2012) (12) Action thriller sequel, starring Liam Neeson. **10.50** Dredd (2012) (18) Sci-fi thriller, starring Karl Urban. **12.40** The Moth Diaries (2011) (15) **2.15** The Pact (2012) (15) **4.00** Close

DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12

6.00 Home Shopping **7.10** Traffic Cops **7.35** Deadly 60 **8.10** American Pickers **9.00** Storage Hunters **10.00** American Pickers **12.00** Deadly 60 **1.00** Top Gear **3.00** Brojects **3.30** Brojects in the House **4.00** Steve Austin's Broken Skull Challenge **5.00** Top Gear **7.00** Sin City Motors **8.00** Deadly 60 on a Mission **9.00** FILM: Demolition Man (1993) (15) Sci-fi thriller, starring Sylvester Stallone. **11.20** Would I Lie to You? **12.40** Mock the Week **1.15** Steve Austin's Broken Skull Challenge **2.10** Would I Lie to You? **2.50** Game of Arms **4.00** Home Shopping

DRAMA SKY: 158 FV: 20

7.10 The Bill **8.00** Dangerfield **9.00** Monarch of the Glen **10.00** All Creatures Great and Small **11.00** The Bill **1.00** Last of the Summer Wine **1.40** Waiting for God **2.20** Birds of a Feather **3.00** Dangerfield **4.00** Monarch of the Glen **5.00** All Creatures Great and Small **6.00** Waiting for God **6.40** Last of the Summer Wine **7.20** Keeping Up Appearances **8.00** Hetty Wainthropp Investigates **9.00** Death in Paradise **10.20** The Inspector Lynley Mysteries **12.20** Taggart **2.55** Ain't Misbehavin' **4.00** Home Shopping

SKY1 SKY: 106

6.00 The Flash **8.00** NCIS: Los Angeles **10.00** Hawaii Five-0 **11.00** MacGyver **12.00** NCIS: Los Angeles **2.00** Hawaii Five-0 **3.00** MacGyver **4.00** The Flash **6.00** Futurama **6.30** The Simpsons **8.00** Modern Family **9.00** Zoo **10.00** The Force: North East **11.00** Modern Family **12.00** A League of Their Own **1.00** Brit Cops: Frontline Crime UK **2.00** Hawaii Five-0 **3.00** Brit Cops: Frontline Crime UK **4.00** RSPCA Animal Rescue **5.00** Road Wars

SKY ATLANTIC SKY: 108

6.00 Urban Secrets **7.00** The Guest Wing **8.00** Richard E Grant's Hotel Secrets **10.00** The West Wing **12.00** Without a Trace **1.00** CSI: Crime Scene Investigation **2.00** Blue Bloods **3.00** The Guest Wing **4.00** The West Wing **6.00** Without a Trace **7.00** CSI: Crime Scene Investigation **8.00** Blue Bloods **9.00** The Night Of **10.30** Game of Thrones **11.40** Ray Donovan **2.05** Without a Trace **3.00** Nurse Jackie **4.00** The West Wing

W SKY: 109

6.10 Judge Faith **7.00** My Dream Home **10.00** The Bill **11.00** Tipping Point **1.00** James Martin's United Cakes of America **2.00** MasterChef USA **3.00** Who Do You Think You Are? USA **4.00** My Family **6.00** Tipping Point **7.00** Celebrity MasterChef **9.00** FILM: Unfaithful (2002) (15) Thriller, starring Diane Lane. **11.40** EastEnders **12.20** One Born Every Minute **1.20** MasterChef Australia **2.40** Judge Faith **3.00** Home Shopping

GOLD SKY: 110

7.00 The Piglet Files **8.20** Ever Decreasing Circles **9.00** The Brittas Empire **9.40** Last of the Summer Wine **11.40** Ever Decreasing Circles **12.20** The Brittas Empire **1.00** Porridge **1.40** Open All Hours **2.20** The Good Life **3.00** The Vicar of Dibley **3.40** Last of the Summer Wine **5.40** Porridge **6.20** Open All Hours **7.00** The Good Life **7.40** The Vicar of Dibley **8.20** Still Open All Hours **9.00** Spaced **9.40** Mrs Brown's Boys **11.00** Bottom **12.20** The Mighty Boosh **1.40** Limmy's Show **2.45** The Armando Iannucci Shows **3.10** Bottom **4.00** Home Shopping

SKY SPORTS MAIN EVENT SKY: 401

6.00 Good Morning Sports Fans **8.30** Paddock Uncut **8.45** Live Formula 1. The first practice session of the Hungarian Grand Prix. **10.55** Live Test Cricket. England v South Africa. **6.30** Test Cricket: The Verdict **7.00** Live World Matchplay Darts. Day seven from Blackpool. **11.00** Through the Night

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Saturday July 29th

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast (S) **10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live** (S) **11.30 Nadiya's British Food Adventure** (S)(R) **12.00 Bargain Hunt** (S)(R) **1.00 BBC News;** Weather (S) **1.15 Brendan Foster: A Life in Athletics** (S) **2.00 Live Challenge Cup Rugby League** (S) **4.30 Flog It!** (S)(R) **5.00 FILM Sister Act 2: Back in the Habit (1993) (PG)** (S) **6.45 BBC News** (S) **6.55 BBC Regional News; Weather** (S)

7.00 Pointless Celebrities Various stars from the sporting world take part in the unorthodox quiz show. (S)(R)
7.50 Would I Lie to You? (S)(R)

8.20 Who Dares Wins Game show in which strangers pair up to win money. (S)

9.05 Casualty Duffy guides a pair of school-girls through an average hour in the ED. Last in the series. (S)

10.00 BBC News; Weather; (S) National Lottery Update (S)
10.20 FILM Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull (2008) (12) The globe-trotting archaeologist races against Soviet agents to find a mysterious artefact of untold power. Action adventure sequel, starring Harrison Ford. (S)

AFTER 12

12.15 FILM When in Rome (2009) (PG) Romantic comedy, starring Kristen Bell. (S) **1.40** Weather for the Week Ahead (S) **1.45** BBC News (S)

BBC2

12.00 Nigel and Adam's Farm Kitchen (S)(R) **1.00 Natural World: Jungle Gremlins of Java** (S)(R) **2.00 Mastermind** (S)(R) **2.30 University Challenge** (S)(R) **3.00 Only Connect** (S)(R) **3.30 Gardeners' World** (S)(R) **4.30 Jessica Ennis-Hill and the Next Generation** (S) **5.00 Live Swimming: World Championships** (S) **6.00 Cycling: Women's Grand Prix** (S) **6.50 Proms Extra** (S)

7.30 Grand Tours of Scotland Paul Murton visits the Isle of Arran. (S)(R)

8.00 Dad's Army Mainwaring decides the platoon needs a mascot for a big parade. (S)(R)
8.30 All Families Have Secrets – Patrick Gale's Art of Fiction (S)

9.00 Queer as Art The LGBT community's contributions to the arts in Britain during the past 50 years. (S)

10.00 QI XL With Julia Zemiro, Matt Lucas and David Mitchell. (S)
10.45 Imagine – Mapplethorpe A portrait of controversial American photographer Robert Mapplethorpe. (S)

12.40 FILM Sleep Tight (2011) (15) Horror, starring Luis Tosar. **2.15** This Is BBC Two (S)

ITV

6.00 CITV 8.25 ITV News (S) **8.30 Weekend** (S) **9.25 ITV Racing: The Opening Show** (S) **10.20 Gok's Lunchbox** (S)(R) **11.15 1000 Heartbeats** (S)(R) **12.15 ITV News** (S) **12.25 Tipping Point** (S)(R) **1.30 ITV Racing: Live from Ascot** (S) **4.00 The Chase** (S)(R) **5.00 Little Big Shots USA** (S) **6.00 ITV Regional News;** Weather (S) **6.05 ITV News** (S) **6.15 You've Been Framed! Goes Wild!** (S)(R)

7.15 Catchphrase Guessing game, hosted by Stephen Mulhern. (S)

8.00 FILM The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug (2013) (12) The party of dwarves and their hobbit ally face the dragon that stole their homeland. Part two of the fantasy adventure trilogy, starring Martin Freeman and Ian McKellen. (S)

11.00 ITV News; Weather (S)
11.25 The Chase Quiz show, hosted by Bradley Walsh. (S)(R)

12.20 Jackpot247 3.00 Who's Doing the Dishes? (S)(R) **3.50 ITV** Nightscreen

Channel 4

6.10 Mobil 1 The Grid (S) **6.40 Motor Sport: Mini Challenge** (S) **7.05 London Triathlon** (S) **8.05 Everybody Loves Raymond** (S)(R) **9.00 Frasier** (S)(R) **10.00 The Big Bang Theory** (S)(R) **11.25 The Simpsons** (S)(R) **12.55 Four in a Bed** (S)(R) **3.30 A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun** (S)(R) **4.30 Big House, Little House** (S) **5.30 Channel 4 News** (S) **6.00 Formula 1 Hungarian Grand Prix Qualifying Highlights** (S)

7.30 UEFA Women's Euro 2017 Subsequent programmes are subject to change. (S)

10.00 FILM 47 Ronin (2013) (12) Fantasy adventure, with Keanu Reeves and Hiroyuki Sanada. (S)

12.10 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA (S)(R) **1.00** The Last Leg (S)(R) **1.55** Hollyoaks (S) **3.55** Location, Location, Location (S)(R) **4.50** Selling Houses with Amanda Lamb (S)(R) **5.40** Shipping Wars UK (S)(R)

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake! 9.20 FILM Bob the Builder: Mega Machines (2017) (U) (S) **10.30 Funniest Cutest Kittens Ever** (S)(R) **11.30 Police Interceptors** (S)(R) **1.25 FILM The Time Machine (2002) (PG)** Sci-fi adventure, starring Guy Pearce. (S) **3.10 The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door** (S)(R) **5.05 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away** A family with dubious immigration status finds itself homeless. (S)(R)

7.00 Cricket on 5 England v South Africa. (S)
7.55 5 News Weekend (S)

8.00 Live Boxing Coverage from the SSE Arena in Belfast. (S)
8.30 FIA Formula E Live The first Montreal ePrix race. Coverage of the first of two races staged at the Montreal Street Circuit, which serves as the 11th and penultimate round of the season. (S)

10.10 Live Boxing Carl Frampton v Andres Gutierrez. Coverage of the featherweight bout from SSE Arena in Belfast. (S)

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ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6

6.00 Emma Willis: The Hot Desk **6.10** Emmerdale **9.05** Coronation Street **11.25** Take Me Out **12.35** Catchphrase: Celebrity Special **1.40** Harry Hill's Alien Fun Capsule **2.05** You've Been Framed! Gold **3.10** FILM: See Spot Run (2001) (PG) Comedy, starring David Arquette. **4.10** FYI Daily **4.15** FILM: See Spot Run (2001) (PG) Concluded. **5.05** FILM: The Smurfs 2 (2013) (U) Fantasy comedy sequel, starring Hank Azaria. **6.05** FYI Daily **6.10** FILM: The Smurfs 2 (2013) (U) Concluded. **7.10** FILM: Evan Almighty (2007) (PG) Comedy sequel, starring Steve Carell. **8.10** FYI Daily **8.15** FILM: Evan Almighty (2007) (PG) Concluded. **9.00** FILM: The Hangover (2009) (15) Comedy, starring Bradley Cooper. **10.00** FYI Daily **10.05** FILM: The Hangover (2009) (15) Concluded. **11.05** Family Guy **12.35** American Dad! **1.00** FILM: Keith Lemon: The Film (2012) (15) **2.00** FYI Daily **2.05** FILM: Keith Lemon: The Film (2012) (15) **2.45** Teleshopping **5.45** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10

6.00 On the Buses **6.25** Murder, She Wrote **8.25** The Darling Buds of May **9.30** FILM: Death Becomes Her (1992) (PG) **10.35** FYI Daily **10.40** FILM: Death Becomes Her (1992) (PG) **11.30** FILM: Columbo: Agenda for Murder (1990) (PG) Crime drama, starring Peter Falk and Patrick McGoohan. **1.30** Wycliffe **2.45** Sherlock Holmes: The Last Vampyre **5.00** Lewis **7.00** Agatha Christie's Marple **9.00** Foyle's War **11.00** Law & Order: UK **1.55** On the Buses **2.20** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9

7.00 The Secret Life of Rockpools **8.00** Britain's Treasure Islands **9.00** I Know Who You Are **11.30** Rich Hall's Countrier Than You **1.00** Bob Harris: My Nashville **2.00** The Secret Life of Rockpools **3.00** Britain's Treasure Islands **4.00** Close

E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28

6.00 Rude(ish) Tube Shorts **6.10** The Goldbergs **7.00** Couples Come Dine with Me **9.00** Coach Trip: Road to Zante **11.40** FILM: Astro Boy (2009) (PG) **1.30** FILM: Toy Story OF TERROR! (2013) (U) **2.00** The Goldbergs **4.30** The Big Bang Theory **9.00** FILM: This Is 40 (2012) (15) Comedy, starring Paul Rudd and Leslie Mann. **11.40** Gogglebox **1.20** Rude Tube **2.25** Tattoo Fixers **3.20** Gogglebox **4.00** How I Met Your Mother **4.45** Rude(ish) Tube

MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14

8.55 Food Unwrapped **9.30** A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun **1.50** Come Dine with Me **4.30** UEFA Women's Euro 2017. Coverage of a quarter-final match (kick-off TBA). **7.00** The Yorkshire Dales and the Lakes **8.00** Spying on the Royals **9.00** The Royal House of Windsor **10.05** Edward VIII's Murderous Mistress **11.05** 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown **1.15** Father Ted **2.20** 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown **3.30** Best of Food Unwrapped **4.00** Close

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15

11.00 Bollywood Queen (2002) (PG) **1.00** A Monster in Paris (2011) (U) **2.45** Baby's Day Out (1994) (PG) Family comedy, with Joe Mantegna. **4.35** We Bought a Zoo (2011) (PG) Fact-based comedy drama, starring Matt Damon. **7.00** The Way Way Back (2013) (12) Comedy drama, starring Liam James. **9.00** The Green Mile (1999) (18) Supernatural drama, starring Tom Hanks. **12.40** As Above, So Below (2014) (15) **2.25** Rec 3: Genesis (2012) (18) **4.00** Close

DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12

7.20 Lizard Lick Towing **7.40** Steve Austin's Broken Skull Challenge **8.30** Top Gear **9.30** Brojects **10.30** Dara O Briain's Go 8 Bit **11.30** Go 8 Bit: DLC **12.00** The Joy of Techs **1.00** Top Gear **2.05** Traffic Cops **3.00** Motorway Cops **4.00** Gavin & Stacey **6.00** Would I Lie to You? **8.00** Not Going Out **10.00** FILM: South Park: Bigger, Longer & Uncut (1999) (15) Animated musical comedy, with the voices of Trey Parker and Matt Stone. **11.35** Dave Gorman: Modern Life Is Goodish **12.35** QI XL **1.35** Mock the Week **2.50** Parks and Recreation **4.00** Home Shopping

DRAMA SKY: 158 FV: 20

7.15 Birds of a Feather **7.45** The Last Detective **11.00** Sharpe **1.00** When the Boat Comes In **5.00** Porridge **7.00** Maisie Raine **8.00** Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries **9.00** Taggart **11.55** Waking the Dead **2.20** Judge John Deed **4.00** Home Shopping

SKY1 SKY: 106

6.00 Ashley Banjo's Secret Street Crew **7.00** Futurama **7.30** The F1 Show **8.00** NCIS: Los Angeles **2.00** Dogs: An Amazing Animal Family **3.00** It's Me or the Dog **4.00** Modern Family **6.30** The Simpsons **8.00** Duck Quacks Don't Echo **9.00** FILM: Crocodile Dundee (1986) (15) Comedy, starring Paul Hogan. **11.00** The Simpsons **12.00** A League of Their Own **1.00** Most Shocking **2.00** Hawaii Five-0 **4.00** It's Me or the Dog **4.30** It's Me or the Dog **5.00** RSPCA Animal Rescue

SKY ATLANTIC SKY: 108

6.00 Richard E Grant's Hotel Secrets **9.00** Fish Town **11.00** The Putin Interviews **1.20** House **4.00** Without a Trace **9.00** The Pacific **11.30** Ballers **12.05** Ray Donovan **2.10** Twin Peaks: The Return **3.20** Without a Trace **4.10** Fish Town

W SKY: 109

6.10 Judge Faith **6.35** The Bill **11.40** EastEnders **2.10** Tipping Point: Lucky Stars **5.15** My Family Christmas Special **6.40** My Family **8.00** John Bishop: In Conversation with Louise Redknapp **9.00** FILM: Rumour Has It (2005) (12) Romantic comedy, starring Jennifer Aniston and Kevin Costner. **11.00** Criminal Minds: Beyond Borders **11.55** Louis Theroux: Under the Knife **12.55** MasterChef Australia **2.10** Battlechefs **3.00** Home Shopping

GOLD SKY: 110

7.05 The Piglet Files **7.40** Waiting for God **8.20** To the Manor Born **9.00** Last of the Summer Wine **11.40** Only Fools and Horses **9.00** Mrs Brown's Boys **9.40** Absolutely Fabulous **10.20** Jack Dee Live at the Apollo **11.20** The Young Ones **12.55** Black Books **2.05** Steve Coogan: Live 'n' Lewd **3.10** Nathan Barley **4.00** Home Shopping

SKY SPORTS MAIN EVENT SKY: 401

6.00 Through the Night **7.00** Live Super Rugby. **9.00** Good Morning Sports Fans **9.30** Paddock Uncut **9.45** Live Formula 1. **11.10** Paddock Uncut **11.30** The F1 Show **12.00** Live Formula 1. The qualifying session for the Hungarian Grand Prix (Start-time 1.00pm). **2.30** Live Test Cricket. England v South Africa. **5.00** Live GAA. Coverage of an AIHreland Senior Football Championship Round 4B qualifier (Throw-in 5.00pm). **7.00** Live GAA. Coverage of an AIHreland Senior Football Championship Round 4B qualifier (Throw-in 7.00pm). **9.00** Sky Sports Tonight **9.45** Live MLS. Atlanta United FC v Orlando City SC (kick-off 10.00pm). **12.00** Through the Night **2.00** Live Fight Night. **4.30** Through the Night

Sunday July 30th

DAYTIME

BBC1

Countryfile, 8pm

6.00 Breakfast (S) **10.00 Sunday Morning Live** (S) **11.00 Cycling: Ride London** (S) **12.00 Bargain Hunt** (S)(R) **1.00 BBC News;** Weather (S) **1.15 Homes Under the Hammer** (S)(R) **2.00 Escape to the Country** (S)(R) **3.00 Songs of Praise** (S) **3.35 Cycling: Ride London** Live coverage of the Prudential RideLondon-Surrey Classic. (S) **6.35 BBC News** (S) **6.50 BBC Regional News; Weather** (S)

7 **7.00 Wild Alaska Live** Liz Bonnin, Matt Baker and Steve Backshall conclude the coverage of Alaskan wildlife during the summer. Last in the series. (S)

8 **8.00 Countryfile** A look at green spaces and wildlife in urban areas. (S)

9 **9.00 Poldark** Ross becomes aware of Hugh's feelings for Demelza. (S)

10 **10.00 BBC News** (S) **10.20 BBC Regional News; Weather** (S) **10.30 The Heroes of Super Saturday: Jess, Mo & Greg** (S)

11 **11.20 FILM The Peacemaker (1997) (15)** Action thriller, with George Clooney and Nicole Kidman. (S)

AFTER 12 **1.15 Weather for the Week Ahead** (S) **1.20** BBC News (S)

BBC2

Live Swimming: World Championships, 4.30pm

6.50 The Instant Gardener (S)(R) **7.35 Gardeners' World** (S)(R) **8.35 The Beechgrove Garden** (S) **9.05 Countryfile** (S)(R) **10.00 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites** (S) **11.30 Nigel Slater: Eating Together** (S)(R) **12.00 Food & Drink** (S)(R) **12.30 FILM Miss Potter (2006) (PG)** (S) **2.00 Live Challenge Cup Rugby League** (S) **4.30 Live Swimming: World Championships** (S)

7.00 First World War Remembered: Passchendaele Live coverage from Flanders, Belgium, of the ceremony commemorating the 100th anniversary of the First World War battle, and a dramatic event in Ypres telling its story. (S)

10.00 FILM Pride (2014) (15) A group of gay rights activists in 1980s Britain travels to Wales to lend their support to the striking miners. Fact-based drama, starring Ben Schnetzer. (S)

11.50 FILM Lilting (2014) (15) Drama, with Ben Whishaw and Pei-pei Cheng. (S)

1.15 Sign Zone: Countryfile (S)(R) **2.10** Holby City (S)(R) **3.10** This Is BBC Two (S)

ITV

Diana, Our Mother: Her Life and Legacy, 6.30pm

8.30 Weekend (S) **9.25 Judge Rinder** (S)(R) **10.20 Long Lost Family** (S)(R) **11.20 Love Your Garden** (S)(R) **12.20 News** (S) **12.25 James Martin's French Adventure** (S)(R) **12.55 Rebound** (S)(R) **1.55 Tipping Point** (S)(R) **2.55 Bear Grylls Survival School** (S)(R) **3.25 FILM A View to a Kill (1985) (PG)** (S) **6.00 ITV Regional News** (S) **6.10 News** (S) **6.30 Diana, Our Mother: Her Life and Legacy** (S)(R)

8.00 FILM Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix (2007) (12) The wizard unites his fellow pupils into a secret army to battle the resurrected Lord Voldemort. Fantasy adventure sequel, starring Daniel Radcliffe, Emma Watson and Gary Oldman. (S)

10.30 ITV News; Weather (S) **10.50 Judge Rinder's Crime Stories** Barrister Robert Rinder reveals how the creator of DNA fingerprinting helped solve a 1986 murder. (S)(R)

11.50 Take Me Out (S)(R)

12.50 Jackpot247 3.00 Motorsport UK (S) **3.50** British Superbike Championship Highlights (S) **4.40 ITV** Nightscreen **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show (S)(R)

Channel 4

Naked Attraction, 11.10pm

6.20 Last Man Standing (S) **7.35 Everybody Loves Raymond** (S)(R) **8.30 Frasier** (S)(R) **9.30 Sunday Brunch** (S) **12.30 Eat the Week** (S) **1.30 The Simpsons** (S)(R) **2.55 A Place in the Sun: Summer Sun** (S)(R) **3.40 Homes by the Sea** (S)(R) **4.45 Channel 4 News** (S) **5.15 Formula 1 Hungarian Grand Prix Highlights** Action from the Hungaroring in Budapest. (S)

7.30 UEFA Women's Euro 2017 Subsequent programmes are subject to change. (S)

10.00 The Handmaid's Tale Janine is sentenced to a brutal punishment for her acts of disobedience. Last in the series. (S)

11.10 Naked Attraction Anna Richardson hosts as 22-year-old Sophie seeks a conversational man. (S)(R)

12.15 FILM Moonrise Kingdom (2012) (12) (S) **1.50** 60 Days in Jail (S)(R) **2.35** KOTV Boxing Weekly (S) **3.05** Gillette World Sport (S) **3.30** Mobil 1 The Grid (S)(R) **3.55** Location, Location, Location (S)(R) **4.50** Selling Houses with Amanda Lamb (S)(R)

Channel 5

Dirty Dancing, 8pm

6.00 Milkshake! 9.10 FILM Fireman Sam: Heroes of the Storm (2014) (U) (S) **10.25 Cats Make You Laugh Out Loud 3** (S) **10.55 Police Interceptors** (S)(R) **12.50 FILM Ace Ventura: Pet Detective (1994) (12)** (S) **2.30 FILM Zookeeper (2011) (PG)** Comedy, starring Kevin James. (S) **4.25 FILM Cheaper By the Dozen 2 (2005) (PG)** Comedy sequel, starring Steve Martin. (S) **6.05 Now That's Funny!** (S)(R)

7.00 Cricket on 5 England v South Africa. (S) **7.55 5 News Weekend** (S)

8.00 FILM Dirty Dancing (1987) (12) Romantic drama, with Patrick Swayze and Jennifer Grey. Edited for language and violence. (S)

9.00 5 News Update **9.05 FILM Dirty Dancing (1987) (12)** Concluded. Edited for language and violence. (S)

10.05 The Dirty Dancing Story A 30th anniversary celebration of the movie phenomenon. (S)(R)

11.35 Premiership Rugby Sevens Action from the pre-season tournament at Franklin's Gardens in Northampton. (S)

12.35 FIA Formula E: Highlights (S) **1.15** SuperCasino (S) **3.10** Drain the Bermuda Triangle (S)(R) **4.00** The Railways That Built Britain with Chris Tarrant (S)(R) **4.50** Great Artists (S)(R) **5.20** Wildlife SOS (S)(R) **5.45** Chinese Food in Minutes (S)(R)

DIGITAL

ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6

6.00 You've Been Framed! Gold **6.25** Emmerdale **9.25** Coronation Street **12.00** Ninja Warrior UK **1.00** You've Been Framed! Gold **1.30** FILM: The Waterboy (1998) (12) Sporting comedy, starring Adam Sandler. **2.30** FYI Daily **2.35** FILM: The Waterboy (1998) (12) Concluded. **3.20** FILM: Yogi Bear (2010) (U) Comedy, with the voice of Dan Aykroyd. **4.20** FYI Daily **4.25** FILM: Yogi Bear (2010) (U) Concluded. **4.55** FILM: Nanny McPhee (2005) (U) Period fantasy, starring Emma Thompson. **5.55** FYI Daily **6.00** FILM: Nanny McPhee (2005) (U) Concluded. **6.50** FILM: Step Up (2006) (PG) Romantic dance drama, with Channing Tatum and Jenna Dewan. **7.55** FYI Daily **8.00** FILM: Step Up (2006) (PG) Concluded. **9.00** Love Island: The Reunion **10.35** Family Guy **12.00** American Dad! **12.30** FILM: Bachelorette (2012) (15) **1.30** FYI Daily **1.35** FILM: Bachelorette (2012) (15) **2.15** Teleshopping **5.45** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10

6.00 FILM: Death Becomes Her (1992) (PG) **7.00** FYI Daily **7.05** FILM: Death Becomes Her (1992) (PG) **7.40** Heartbeat **9.40** Murder, She Wrote **11.45** The Darling Buds of May **12.50** FILM: Rest in Peace, Mrs Columbo (1990) (PG) Crime drama, starring Peter Falk and Ian McShane. **2.50** Wycliffe **3.55** Foyle's War **6.00** Lewis **8.00** Midsomer Murders **10.00** Law & Order: UK **12.05** Wire in the Blood **2.00** Sherlock Holmes: The Last Vampyre **3.45** May the Best House Win **5.25** George and Mildred **5.50** ITV3 Nightscreen

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9

7.00 Nina Simone & Me with Laura Mvula **7.30** BBC Proms 2017 **11.30** Norman Wisdom: His Story **12.30** Horizon: 10 Things You Need to Know About the Future **1.30** Beautiful Thing: A Passion for Porcelain **2.30** Treasures of the Anglo-Saxons **3.30** Nina Simone & Me with Laura Mvula **4.00** Close

E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28

6.00 Rude(ish) Tube **6.30** Couples Come Dine with Me **8.30** Hollyoaks **11.00** Come Dine with Me: Made in Chelsea Special **12.00** Binky & JP's Baby: Born in Chelsea **1.00** Kevin Can Wait **1.30** New Girl **2.30** The Big Bang Theory **5.30** FILM: The Day After Tomorrow (2004) (12) Disaster thriller, starring Jake Gyllenhaal and Dennis Quaid. **8.00** Don't Tell the Bride **9.00** Born in Chelsea: Baby Steps **10.00** FILM: The Change-Up (2011) (15) Comedy, starring Jason Bateman and Ryan Reynolds. **12.15** Tattoo Fixers on Holiday **1.20** Born in Chelsea: Baby Steps **2.25** Gogglebox **3.05** How I Met Your Mother **3.50** Hollyoaks

MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14

8.55 Kirstie's Vintage Gems **9.15** Location, Location, Location **11.15** Come Dine with Me **1.50** Four in a Bed **4.30** UEFA Women's Euro 2017. Coverage of a quarter-final match (kick-off TBA). **7.00** The Secret Life of the Zoo **9.00** Father Ted **10.05** Sarah Millican: Chatterbox Live **11.05** It Was Alright in the 1980s **12.10** 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown **1.15** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA **2.05** It Was Alright in the 1980s **3.05** 8 Out of 10 Cats **4.00** Close

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15

11.00 Flight of the Navigator (1986) (U) Sci-fi adventure, starring Joey Cramer. **1.00** The Jane Austen Book Club (2007) (12) Romantic comedy, with Kathy Baker and Maria Bello. **3.05** Gulliver's Travels (2010) (PG) Fantasy comedy, starring Jack Black. **4.45** The Return of the Musketeers (1989) (PG) Swashbuckling adventure sequel, starring Oliver Reed and Michael York. **6.55** Home Alone (1990) (PG) Family comedy, starring Macaulay Culkin. **9.00** Lucy (2014) (15) Sci-fi thriller, starring Scarlett Johansson. **10.40** The Family (2013) (15) Comedy thriller, with Robert De Niro and Michelle Pfeiffer. **12.55** Devil's Knot (2013) (15) **3.15** Close

DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12

6.00 Home Shopping **7.10** Traffic Cops **8.00** Top Gear **9.00** Traffic Cops **10.00** Motorway Cops **11.00** Best of Red Bull Soapbox Race **12.00** Top Gear **2.00** Would I Lie to You? **4.00** Top Gear Winter Olympics Special **5.00** Top Gear **6.00** Best of Red Bull Soapbox Race **7.00** Cops UK: Bodycam Squad **8.00** Traffic Cops **9.00** Have I Got a Bit More News for You **10.00** Taskmaster **11.00** Live at the Apollo **12.00** QI XL **1.00** Mock the Week **2.15** Room 101 **2.45** Parks and Recreation **3.30** Traffic Cops **4.00** Home Shopping

DRAMA SKY: 158 FV: 20

7.00 The Bill **10.45** Call the Midwife **2.45** Catherine Cookson's Tilly Trotter **4.45** Maisie Raine **5.45** The Musketeers **7.00** Jonathan Creek **8.00** The Doctor Blake Mysteries **9.00** Silent Witness **11.20** Spooks **12.40** Taggart **3.20** Garden Hopping **4.00** Home Shopping

SKY1 SKY: 106

6.00 Hour of Power **7.00** Futurama **8.00** Drone Racing League **10.00** WWE Raw **11.00** MacGyver **4.00** Modern Family **6.30** The Simpsons **8.00** Dogs: An Amazing Animal Family **9.00** Ross Kemp: Extreme World **10.00** The Force: North East **11.00** Zoo **12.00** A League of Their Own **1.00** Hawaii Five-0 **4.00** It's Me or the Dog **5.00** RSPCA Animal Rescue

SKY ATLANTIC SKY: 108

6.00 Urban Secrets **9.00** Fish Town **10.00** The British **11.00** House **2.00** Nothing Left Unsaid: Gloria Vanderbilt & Anderson **4.00** Blue Bloods **9.00** Game of Thrones **10.10** Ballers **10.50** 1993 **11.50** Riviera **12.50** Game of Thrones **3.10** Twin Peaks: The Return **4.20** Fish Town

W SKY: 109

6.10 Judge Faith **6.55** Traffic Cops **7.30** Celebrity MasterChef **1.00** Doctor Who **3.00** My Family Christmas Special **4.20** My Family **5.00** Outnumbered **7.00** One Born Every Minute **10.00** Educating Yorkshire **11.00** Criminal Minds: Beyond Borders **12.00** One Born Every Minute **1.00** The Musketeers **2.10** Battlechefs **3.00** Home Shopping

GOLD SKY: 110

7.00 Last of the Summer Wine **8.50** Only Fools and Horses **9.20** Live at the Apollo **10.20** Mrs Brown's Boys **11.00** Men Behaving Badly **12.20** The Mighty Boosh **1.40** Big Train **2.50** The Thick of It **3.25** Men Behaving Badly **4.00** Home Shopping

SKY SPORTS MAIN EVENT SKY: 401

6.00 Through the Night **7.00** Good Morning Sports Fans **9.00** Cricket Writers on TV **10.00** Live Test Cricket. England v South Africa. **11.30** Live Formula 1. **12.30** Live Formula 1. The Hungarian Grand Prix (Start-time 1.00pm). **3.30** Live Formula 1. Updates and interviews from the paddock area following the Hungarian Grand Prix. **4.15** Paddock Uncut **4.30** Live European Seniors Tour Golf. The Senior Open Championship. **7.00** Live World Matchplay Darts. The final from Blackpool. **9.00** Live PGA Tour Golf. The RBC Canadian Open. **11.00** Through the Night

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Parsons nails the nonsense

By Josh Cox

ONE of the UK's most popular comedians will be making his way to The Haymarket in Basingstoke this September.

Andy Parsons' brand new 2017 tour, Peak Bull ****, has been taking the UK by storm and is gathering huge sums of media attention.

The Guardian reviewed the tour as 'a joke-rich rallying call for a better Britain', and The Times described Parsons as a 'potent live performer that can nail a nonsense with a beautiful economy of words'.

Parsons has had regular appearances on Mock the Week as a long standing panellist for more than 10 years. He has also appeared on Live at the Apollo.

He has also featured on BBC's Question Time, Daily Politics, This Week and Newsnight.

Andy also presents a hugely entertaining, topical monthly podcast, The Slacktivist Action Group. Recorded at London's Soho Theatre, he talks to high profile politicians, journalists and comedians about the state of the nation.

Guests have included Labour MP Chuka Umunna, Mirror journalist Fleet Street Fox and comedian Henning Wehn.

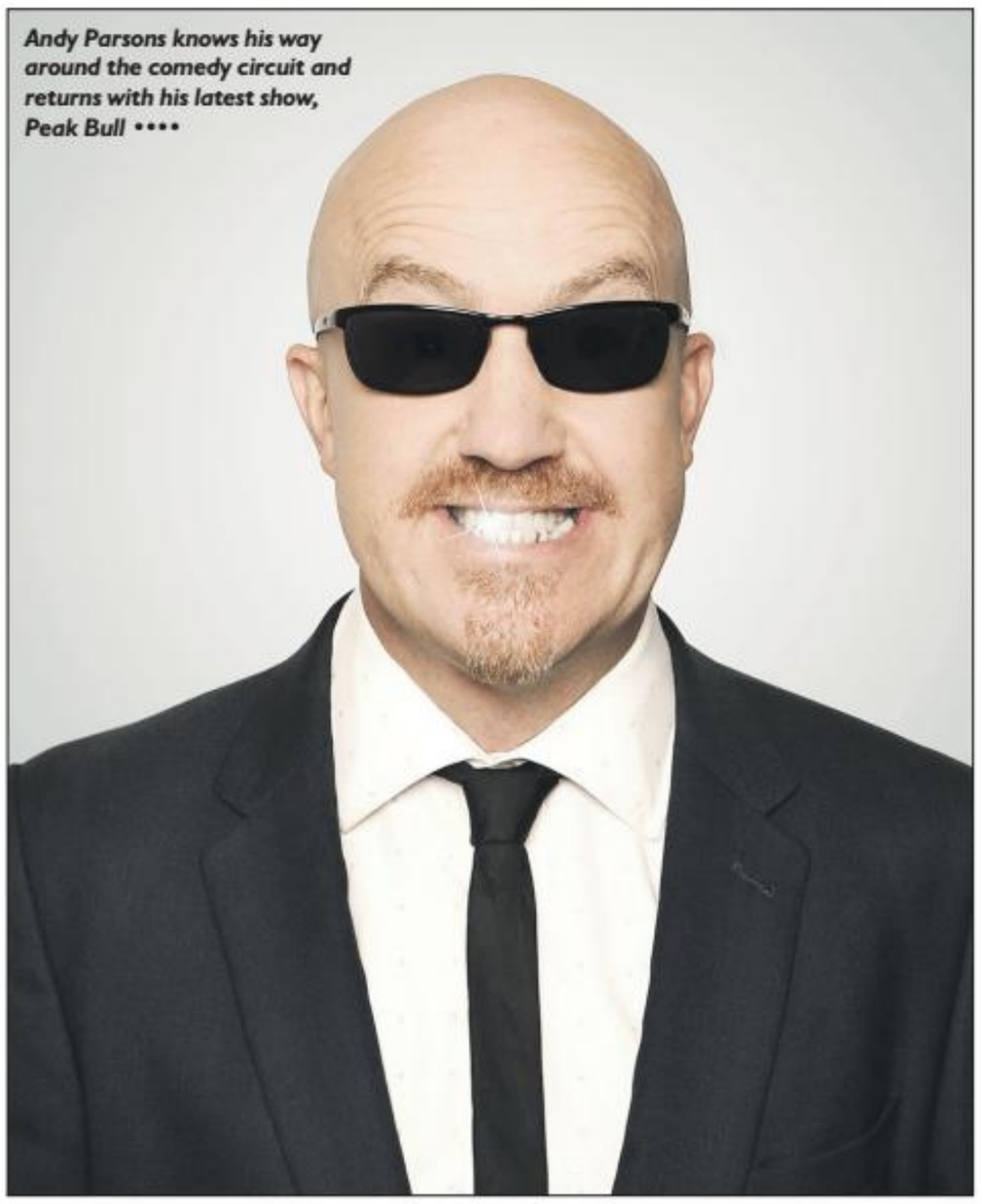
If you're worried about your job, the health service, education or climate change, Andy's witty truth-telling will have you in stitches and oddly put at ease, according to the critics.

Parsons was the Time Out Comedy Award Winner in 2002 and has released four stand-up DVDs.

As well as being a stand up comedian and featuring heavily on TV, Andy and his comedy partner Henry Naylor have written and presented nine series of Parsons and Naylor's Pull-Out Sections for BBC Radio 2.

Parsons is performing on September 16 at The Haymarket, in Basingstoke. Adult tickets cost £17.

For more information or to book, call the box office on 01256 844244 or visit anvilarts.org.uk.



Andy Parsons knows his way around the comedy circuit and returns with his latest show, Peak Bull ••••

Feel the Force

MUSIC: Force Ten are back at The Barley Mow in Oakley on Saturday for an evening of great songs that starts at 8.30pm.

The band play rock and roll covers, recreating the classic hits from artists like Queen, ACDC, The Beatles and many more.

Baker is back

MUSIC: Chris Baker will once again be playing at The Riverdene in Basingstoke this weekend.

Baker has an immense wealth of experience when it comes to performing, and armed with his guitar, he plays mainly 70s, 80s and 90s covers. This free gig starts at 9pm tomorrow (Friday).

Echoing sounds

MUSIC: A group of experienced musicians, coupled with a wide spread of genres, will be at The Wheatsheaf in Alton on Saturday.

Second Echo will be playing covers from the likes of Abba, Human League, Blink 182 and Ed Sheeran.

The performance starts at 9pm and there is no entry fee.

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Twists come at the double

By Josh Cox

Actors perform as actors in Body Double

THE edge-of-your-seat thriller Body Double will be making its way to The Haymarket in Basingstoke towards the end of September.

In Body Double the actors are actors, the set is a set and the play being rehearsed mirrors the life of those rehearsing a play-within-a-play.

Eventually everyone starts to lose track of what is real and what is simply being 'acted out'.

So, when one of the characters tries to take on the life of another, this leads to deadly consequences.

The show is guaranteed to keep you guessing until the very end.

Body Double playwright Mark Carey has managed to concoct that perfect thriller-mystery formula, as just when you think you understand what's going on, a new twist in the plot catches you by surprise and takes you down a different path.

The theatre company behind the show, Talking Scarlet, was founded in 2001 as a trading name for Big Dog Productions.

Since then, the company has produced and collaborated in productions at theatres all over the country and toured internationally.

The company is run by the experienced Patric Kearns and Jane Shakespeare. They say that the under lying tone, beneath all the mystery and suspense, of Body Double is a drama about the different roles people assume in life, about the dangers of pretending to be someone we're not.

The show will be open from September 27 to 30 showing at various times. Full price tickets range from £22 to £24 with discounts available for concessions, groups and under 16s.

For more information, call the box office on 01256 844244 or visit anvilarts.org.uk There will be the opportunity for a post-show question and answer with the company after the 2pm performance on the Saturday of the run.

Fire up the band

MUSIC: Hampshire's popular local band Smoke N' Fire are lined up to play at The White Hart in Hook on Saturday.

The five-piece covers band play a mix of hit rock and blues songs, along with the occasional pop tune.

This free gig starts at 8pm.

Music across years

MUSIC: The Continuum Covers Band will be rocking a free gig at The Hop Poles in Alton on Saturday from 9pm.

Continuum are ambitious with their song choices, covering songs from the 50s right up to modern day, including artists such as Prince, Amy Winehouse, Bruno Mars, Ed Sheeran, Elvis, Bryan Adams, Billy Joel, and The Beatles.

Brush up on show

THEATRE: The popular musical comedy Hairspray will open in The Haymarket from August 3 to 5.

Set in 1962 in Baltimore, the lovable plus-size teen Tracy Turnblad has only one desire – to dance on the popular *Corny Collins Show*.

When her dream comes true, Tracy is transformed from social outcast to sudden star.

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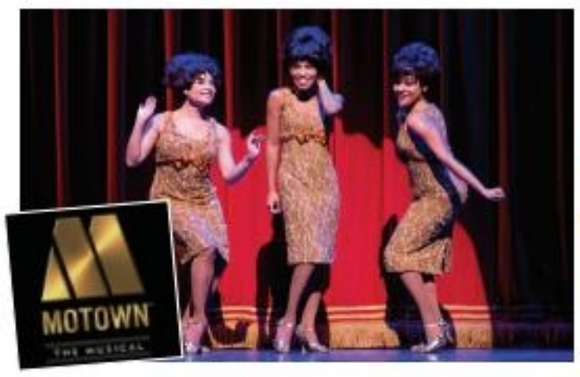

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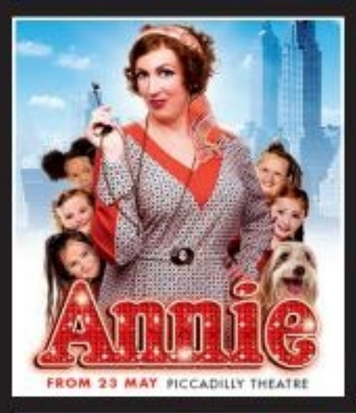

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Ford Mustang 2.3 EcoBoost 6 Speed Auto Cabriolet

Greener Mustang remains epic

By **Tony Yates**

TOWARDS the end of last year, I tested the V8 Mustang – a car that for me has it all. It's a car that makes you smile, it's a car that makes you happy and it's a car that will pretty much make anyone who comes into contact with it go all giddy with excitement.

So, with the Mustang 2.3 EcoBoost now sitting on my drive, has Ford gone and ruined it by fitting it with smaller engine? Well, the answer is no basically. And the reason for this is simple; the Mustang is probably one of the most iconic cars of its time and no matter what's under the bonnet people will always love a Mustang.

Of course, if you try this with the likes of the Ford Focus RS for instance, then you might as well drive it into the nearest river. Because a Focus RS fitted with a smaller engine really wouldn't work at all.

Power and efficiency

My test car was powered by a 2.3-litre engine with direct injection and twin-scroll turbocharger. Max power comes in at 317PS with the addition of 432Nm of torque. Max speed is also around 145mph and a 0-62 time of around 5.8sec (manual gearbox).

Of course, I know we all want a V8 Mustang in our lives – but there are some of us that want the economy side too. So in keeping with that, Ford went that one step further and installed the EcoBoost engine which I have to say has been specially tuned to combine the performance you would expect from a Mustang, but with better fuel economy to keep all those green people happy. Plus, as much as I love a V8, I'm not against the 2.3 because I also want a car to be usable without the need to visit the petrol station every time I step on the 'loud pedal' for more than five seconds.

On the road

As with the V8 I tested last year – the 2.3 EcoBoost is still a joy to drive no matter where you are going or on what road surface you are driving it on. Also, as the Mustang is rear wheel drive, you can dial in the power a little softer with the 2.3 litre engine, which for me makes it that little bit more tamer to drive than the V8 version (only just though).

Into the corners it felt planted and not cumbersome at all, and if you feed in the power at the right time and into the right corner you will come out the other end just like the guy in his Nissan Micra – perfectly safe and sound. Don't forget the Mustang now has 'normal' fully independent suspension which makes the car more agile. If you also factor in the limited slip differential then you can be assured of something stable and thrilling to drive.

Design & technology

Owning a Mustang is about as exciting as it gets because it's all about presence on the road – that is something you just can't ignore. Even if you do opt for the 2.3 EcoBoost version people will still stare, while many will just point and say 'wow! It's a Mustang'.

•The 2.3 EcoBoost Mustang retains the wow factor of its big brother, the V8

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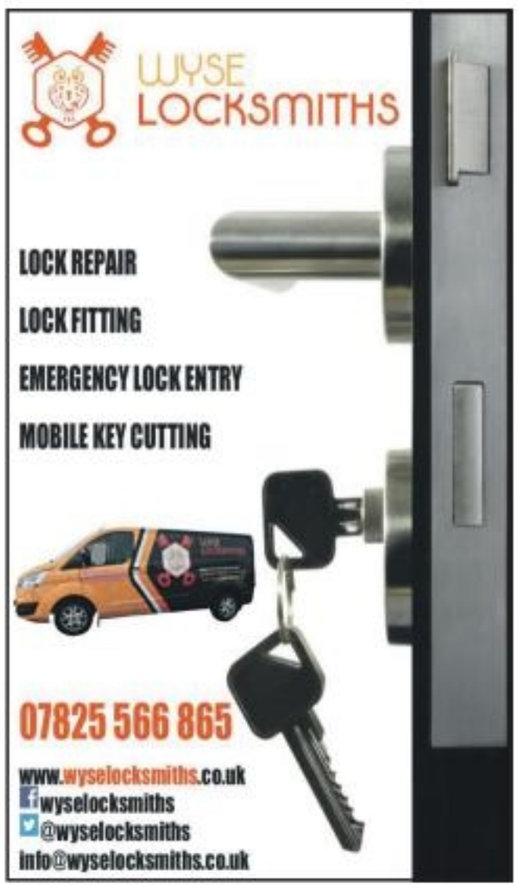

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Collard raring to get back in action after a superb first half of season

NORTH Hampshire racer Rob Collard is itching to make inroads in the British Touring Car Drivers' Championship at Snetterton this weekend.

The Team BMW driver is enjoying his best BTCC season to date with a personal best number of points and podiums by the midway point.

Collard heads into round six in second place in the standings on 177 points, 11 points behind leader Gordon Shedden and one point ahead of team-mate, Colin Turkington.

He said: "The summer break has been far too long and I'm raring to get back into the BMW and continue my challenge for the championship.

"The first half of the season has gone superbly; I've been on the podium at every event and am the only driver to finish in the points in every race.

"I'm second in the drivers' championship, which is exactly where I was this time last year, but I'm 21 points better off, which shows the continuing improvements of the Team BMW 125i M Sport and my driving.

"That level of consistency is what wins championships and the aim is certainly to continue that form at Snetterton."

Last year, Rob registered his best Snetterton result when he finished second.

Team BMW are leading the Teams' Championship on 344 points, 30 ahead of their closest challengers, Halfords Yuasa Racing.

After this race weekend, there are four rounds left.

Rob Collard gets back behind the wheel of his BMW at Snetterton

Storming start peters out for Rose at Open

By Adam Flinn

JUSTIN Rose produced a steady if unspectacular performance as he finished in a tie for 54th place at the Open Championship on Sunday.

The north Hampshire golfer was never really in contention at Royal Birkdale, and he eventually ended up 16 shots adrift of overall winner Jordan Spieth.

His final score of four over par came after a difficult four days in Southport, with wet and windy conditions hampering a lot of players, particularly on Thursday and Friday.

Despite that Rose got off to a storming start on Thursday, birdieing two of the first three holes and ending the front nine on two under par, and challenging near the top of the standings.

Sadly that was as good as it got for Rose, and three bogeys on the 10th, 14th and 16th holes undid his hard work.

A birdie and bogey on 17 and 18 made sure he finished the day on one over par.

Friday was even tougher and having birdied the first and third holes in his first round, Rose bogeyed both in round two and added another on the sixth to slip to four over for the tournament.

He got back to three over after the 16th, but bogeys on the final two holes put him on five over, and the 36-year-old was in very real danger of missing the cut.

As it turned out five over was just enough to scrape into the weekend, but by this point any hopes of winning his second major had vanished.

His scoring did improve significantly on Saturday though, with three birdies and two bogeys ensuring that he pulled a shot back.

And a solid level par round of 70 on Sunday meant he had a much better end to the tournament than the start.

But his four over score left him languishing in the pack, although he was in good company alongside world number one Dustin Johnson and 2016 PGA Championship winner Jimmy Walker.

The 2017 PGA is the fourth and final major to be played this year, taking place at Quail Hollow in North Carolina from August 10 to 13.

Justin Rose tied for 54th place

Fast bowler James sets up Bountymen for clear victory

BASINGSTOKE and North Hants Cricket Club (BNHCC) once again tasted that winning feeling as they defeated Weybridge by six wickets on Sunday at May's Bounty.

The Bountymen were playing in the opening Serious Cricket White Ball Challenge game and had in-form fast bowler Martyn James to thank after his destructive figures of 7-28 set up a comprehensive win.

Weybridge won the toss and elected to bat with openers Jordan McKinlay (34) and Harry Samuels (25) getting the Surrey Championship side off to a very good start.

The pair had scored quickly to get the visitors to 59 for no loss. However, both were dismissed without Weybridge adding to the score and that triggered a devastating collapse thanks to James.

When Shane White (1) was caught by Harry Smith off the bowling of James, the score was 63-3 and the wickets continued to fall.

Weybridge stumbled to 70 but lost a further four wickets without adding to the score and were further in the mire at 77-8.

A breezy 29 off 28 balls from number nine batsman James Cunningham got the visitors to 104 all out from 21.4 overs, with David Griffiths (2-18) mopping up the Weybridge tail.

In reply, the Bountymen lost their first wicket when Ethan Hawkes went for 14 with the score on 23.

Fellow opener Joe Belcher (27) stuck around though and got Basingstoke through a rocky patch when they found themselves 42-3.

Any worries of a defeat were quickly put to bed as Chris Jolly came in and smashed 40 not out off 25 balls as BNHCC got to their target in 17.5 overs to wrap up the victory.

BNHCC's league game against Sarisbury Athletic on Saturday was abandoned due to rain.

Sport Bites

Mair gets bronze

ATHLETICS: Basingstoke and Mid Hants Athletics Club (BMHAC) had two members representing Great Britain at the Under 20 European Championships in Grosseto, Italy.

Mair Edwards claimed a bronze medal as part of the Women's 4x4 relay, running the first leg.

Owen Richardson ran a personal best of 46.49 in the 400m final and in doing so, moved himself up to eighth place in the UK rankings.

Meanwhile, those hoping to follow in Mair's and Owen's footsteps have done well as BMHAC young athletes retained the Wessex League.

Overall, BMHAC won the league with four wins out of four, in a league of 24 clubs.

By age group, there were wins for the under 17 women, under 15 boys and under 13 girls, who shared their win with Swindon. The under 17 men finished fourth with the under 13 boys sixth.

Dragons deliver

FOOTBALL: There was more of the Wright stuff for Basingstoke Town as they chalked up a 5-3 pre-season win at Bracknell Town on Saturday.

Striker Ben Wright continued his good form as he bagged a brace against the Hellenic Premier Division side, who had the Dragons breathing fire as they were blown away.

Basingstoke went into half time 2-1 up thanks to a Rob Atkinson strike and an own goal. Wright scored his first goal of the game after the break with Ashleigh Artwell providing the assist that saw Town extend their lead.

It was 4-1 when Rob and Michael Atkinson combined for Wright to score his second.

Adam Cornell grabbed a second for Bracknell before Charlie McCann scored Basingstoke's fifth.

Bracknell hit back again through Callum Whitty to make the final score 5-3.

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Bison buoyant as signings strengthen defence core

By Matthew Brown

WITH just over a month to go until Basingstoke Bison start their pre-season, they have just announced the signings of three players.

The Basingstoke-born trio of Stuart Mogg, Dean Skinns and Kurt Reynolds have all joined Bison ahead of their first pre-season challenge games against Peterborough on September 2 and 3.

Mogg and Reynolds have both re-signed while Skinns has joined his former club for the third time after a spell at the Guildford Flames.

Bison head coach Doug Shepherd was delighted with the signings.

He said: "Dean is an established goalie and gives us two solid netminders.

"Moggy (Stuart Mogg) takes our defensive core up to five and with him joining, we look very strong in this department.

"Reynolds is another great singing for us as he is a key member of our D core, which is very important if we are going to win silverware this season."

Both netminder Skinns and defenceman Mogg came through the Bison junior system.

Skinns last played for the team in 2014/15, and the previous year had been part of the Herd's double winning team.

The 32-year-old has had a great few last seasons in the net – last season at Guilford he had an 89 per cent save rate, while the previous year at Milton Keynes, he returned a career best 91 per cent.

This is his ninth season and he was the first Herd netminder to rack up more than 10,000 minutes for the team.

Mogg is now into his fifth season with Bison and was also part of the double winning side and the league championship squad.

The 22-year-old hit the net three times in 48 games last season, returning 15 points in the process.

Experienced defenceman Reynolds will chalk up 10 years at Bison at the end of the up coming season after making his debut in 2008/09, winning three trophies during his time and making more than 400 appearances - second in the all-time Bison scroll of fame to Tony Redmond.

The fans' favourite 30-year-old will have a testimonial at the end of the season to mark his time at Bison.

Basingstoke Bisons signings, clockwise from the top, Stuart Mogg, Kurt Reynolds, and Dean Skinns. Pictures by grantkingphotography.com

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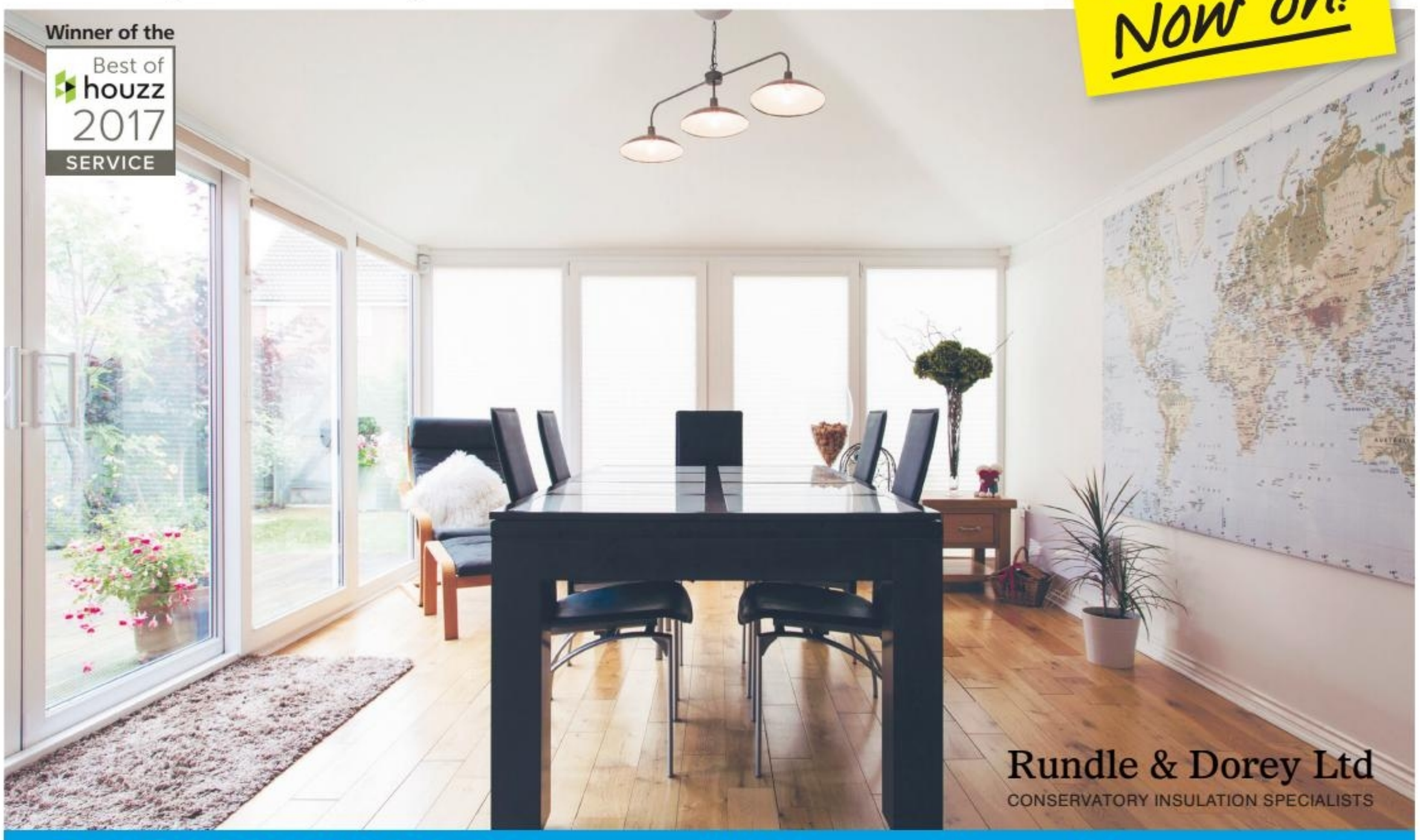

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